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Called 'autocratic'
Walesa blamed; fight may hit Solidarity

WARSAW, April 11 (Agencies) — An internal dispute over decision-making procedures had broken out in the independent trade union Solidarity, with charges that union leader Lech Walesa behaved undemocratically in calling off the massive general strike originally set for March 31.

In an open letter, Andrzej Gwiazda, vice president of the union's national coordinating committee, squarely charged Walesa with using autocratic methods during negotiations with the government. Gwiazda made the accusations during the coordinating committee session Thursday and Friday in Gdansk.

His accusations immediately prompted an open letter from Walesa, who maintained that his deal with the government obtained "everything that was possible," without giving in on any important points. Gwiazda argued that Walesa should have convened the coordinating committee immediately after the March 30 government-union deal that ended the strike threat. This union session was postponed, in effect letting Walesa's decision stand.

Walesa said that arranging the session for the following day — the day of the scheduled but later rescinded general strike — was the only possible course.

Gwiazda earlier offered to resign, acknowledging his co-responsibility in the "anti-democratic" measure, but withdrew his resignation when the Solidarity leadership would not accept it. The strike had been scheduled in response to alleged police brutality against Solidarity members. Walesa said his decision was not at all undemocratic, and added: "I consider that the problem of democracy within the union is very important, and that is why I am asking for elections."

"I have thought about retiring and about getting away from leading the union, but I saw that I would not be able to so long as adventurism exists."

Earlier, the Polish government has moved to deprive the Solidarity free trade union of its right to strike for the next two months in the first such move since the union was founded last summer. The Sejm (parliament) Friday night backed a call by Prime Minister Wojciech Jaruzelski "to order a suspension of strikes for a period of two months."

Although thrown onto the defensive by the move, Solidarity quickly warned the government that no law could stop its members from striking if they were provoked. The union's national consultative commission described the strike ban as incomprehensible and unjustified and added: "No Sejm law will be able to prevent a strike if the security of our union is threatened or flagrant law-breaking occurs."

Afghans greet Kingdom's step

RIYADH, April 11 — Prof. Burhan Abd Rabb Al-Rasool, a top Afghan revolutionary leader, Saturday hailed Saudi Arabia's decision to break off diplomatic ties with the present puppet regime in Kabul.

The Afghan leader, who is currently on a visit to the Kingdom to convey Afghan people's thanks and appreciation, said the Saudi Arabian government's decision has deeply impressed the Afghan freedom-fighters.

In a statement to Arab News, Prof. Abd Rabb Al-Rasool said that, as soon as the Kingdom announced its decision to sever ties with the Communist regime in Kabul, the Afghan revolutionary leaders met and decided to form a delegation to go to Saudi Arabia to express the Afghan people's gratitude for this noble stance.

When asked whether the delegation members requested the Kingdom to allow them to open an office, the professor said that "Saudi Arabia was in the vanguard of Islamic states which did not and would not hesitate to help us in our struggle to drive out the Communists from our country."

He reiterated that the revolutionaries' request for the opening of offices in Islamic states aims at reinforcing and boosting their morale and not any diplomatic representation on the pattern of embassies. He, however, urged the Islamic states to adopt the Kingdom's initiative by cutting their relations immediately with the regime of Babrak Karmal.

Referring to clashes with the Soviet forces, the Afghan revolutionary leaders said: "We have recently obtained sophisticated arms from some friendly Islamic states, and the revolutionaries are being trained on them to be able to use them soon." The professor reiterated that the new weapons would enhance the effectiveness of the revolutionaries' attacks and make them still more steadfast against Soviet occupation.

Last year, Saudi Arabia led the protest by Islamic nations against the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and was the first state to recommend a boycott of the Moscow Olympic games.

Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal said in an interview last year there was a discrepancy between Soviet support for the rights of the Palestinian people and its intervention in Afghanistan.

Saudi Arabian organizations have sent millions of dollars in aid to Afghan Mujahideen fighting the Karmal government.

Cuban hijacker dies in scuffle

MIAMI, April 11 (AP) — A Cuban refugee who set a fire on an Eastern Airlines plane and demanded to be taken to Cuba was grabbed by two passengers, subdued with a fire extinguisher and bound with seatbelts on the floor of the plane's kitchen. Moments later, passengers watched as he gasped for breath, turned purple and died.

Authorities were awaiting the results of Saturday's autopsy to find out why 39-year-old Rafael Fredesvindo Pellerano Albantosa died on the New York-to-Miami flight that the FBI says he tried to hijack. The flames were extinguished and the plane landed safely in Miami Friday afternoon.

The FBI initially said one witness reported seeing Albantosa take a small white pill before he died, but agents later said the report was untrue and that the cause of death was unknown. Dr. Roger Mittleman, assistant Dade county medical examiner, said the autopsy was in progress.

Joseph V. Corless, special agent in charge of the Miami FBI office, said Albantosa forced a female flight attendant to the back of the cabin, started a small fire and began yelling in Spanish and demanding to go to Cuba.

"The passenger got up in his seat, went to the rear of the plane, took out a small vial of flammable liquid, poured it in the area of the water fountain and set it on fire," Corless said. "He started fighting with the attendants, and in the course of the ensuing struggle, he was sprayed with a fire extinguisher."

Fudi Nuzzolo, one of the 145 passengers aboard, said he and another passenger, identified by the FBI and airline as an off-duty Eastern captain, grabbed Albantosa after a fire broke out. "The guy lit something on fire. I don't know what it was and the attendant started to spray the fire extinguisher at it," Nuzzolo said. "I jumped him from one side and another passenger got him from the other side and we just subdued him and tied him up and held him down. I thought I was going to die if I didn't do it."

After Albantosa was subdued, crewmembers tied him up with seatbelts in the rear galley area of the a-300 Airbus, said Eastern



IN JEDDAH: King Khalid arrived here from Riyadh Saturday to dedicate a number of projects including the new King Abdul Aziz International Airport. He was accompanied by Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard. The King was received by Prince Abdullah Al Faisal, Medina Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen, Defense Minister Prince Sultan and other princes, ministers, senior officials and officers. Picture shows King Khalid upon arrival at Jeddah airport. At left is Makkah Governor Prince Majed and Information Minister Dr. Abdo Yamani at right.

Execution denied
Asnag to be tried in public

By Wahib Chorah

JEDDAH, April 11 — North Yemen Foreign Minister Ali Lutfi al Thawr Saturday denied that former presidential adviser Abdullah al Asnag, arrested on treason charges, has been executed.

The foreign minister told Arab News that Asnag will be tried in public "as soon as the authorities complete their investigations." Al Thawr, who is leading his country's delegation to the Saudi-Yemen Coordination Council meetings here, added that "the security authorities have documentary evidence against Asnag."

He however said "the accused is innocent until he is proved guilty." A Kuwait newspaper Saturday claimed that Asnag has been executed in Sanaa, but did not give a date for the execution.

The independent daily Al-Watan quoting unnamed Yemeni sources as saying Asnag was found guilty of spying for the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

Asnag, in his mid-fifties, came to the political spotlight in the late 1960s when he was one of the foremost leaders of South Yemen's war of independence against Britain.

3 Gulf states ranked the richest

WASHINGTON, April 11 (AP) — Kuwait with a per capita income of \$15,970 was the world's richest country in 1978, the World Bank has said. This was in terms of per capita gross national product (GNP).

Kuwait was followed by two other Gulf states — Qatar with \$15,050 per capita income and the United Arab Emirates with \$15,020. The figures, released Friday, represent the latest information available on gross national product, population and currency exchange rates. National currency data are converted to U.S. dollars by a method that is designed to smooth out the recent fluctuations in prices and exchange rates, the World Bank said.

After Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates came Switzerland with a per capita income of \$12,990, Luxembourg with \$11,300, Denmark \$10,580, Sweden with \$10,540, West Germany with \$10,300, the United States with \$9,770 and Belgium with \$9,700.

Next in line were Norway \$9,560, the Netherlands \$9,200, France \$8,880, Canada \$8,670, Australia \$8,060, Japan \$7,700, Austria \$7,520, Libya \$7,210, Finland \$7,160, Saudi Arabia \$6,590, the United Kingdom \$5,720, East Germany, \$ 5,670, New Zealand \$5,530, Czechoslovakia \$4,730, Italy \$4,600, Spain \$3,960, and Ireland \$3,810.

New Irish MP raises controversy in Britain

LONDON, April 11 (AP) — The election of Bobby Sands, a jailed guerrilla nearing death on hunger strike in Northern Ireland, to the British parliament was hailed Saturday as a triumph for the Irish Republican Army and a disaster for the British government.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher reportedly is considering several options, one of which is to introduce a government motion in the House of Commons to expel Sands from membership. The 27-year-old guerrilla was officially declared an elected member of the House of Commons Friday after polling in a special election Thursday in Northern Ireland's south Tyrone district.

But Sands could be dead by the end of the month if he continues his fast. He began refusing all solid food 42 days ago in a renewed bid to force the British to grant convicted IRA men and women political prisoner status.

Officials at Maze prison outside Belfast said Sands, who has been joined on his fast there by three other convicted guerrillas, has lost over 35 pounds in weight and is too weak.

Paris dealer loses business in TV slip

PARIS, April 11 (AFP) — A furious Paris furniture dealer claimed Saturday he lost several business days after a television slip caused thousands of callers to swamp his telephone believing they were ringing President Valery Giscard d'Estaing.

As an election gimmick, the president organized a round-the-clock answering service on which his countrymen could not only listen to his views straight from the horse's mouth but record their comments.

Unfortunately two television networks gave out the wrong number VGE 81-81, instead of VGE 81-88.

The manager of the unfortunate company said Saturday that eight out of ten callers hung up when they realized it was not the president. "But some were so anxious to give him a piece of their mind that they never realized their mistake," the furniture dealer said.

Relatives and supporters said he is suffering stomach trouble, dizziness, severe headaches and eye trouble and has difficulty taking water. All are signs of starvation. A spokesman for Sinn Fein, legal political arm of the outlawed IRA, said his condition will become critical in "10 to 15 days."

The government, anxious to minimize the blow to its policies in Northern Ireland that Sands' election represents, insisted the affair is a matter for the whole House of Commons, not just the government. As celebration bonfires burned in Roman Catholic strongholds of Northern Ireland Friday night, Francis Pym, Conservative leader of the Commons, summoned leaders of the 11 political parties in the house to meet Monday to discuss what to do.

Sands was jailed for 14 years in 1976 after a gunbattle with police. He is a member of the IRA's mainly Catholic provisional wing. They are fighting to drive the British from predominantly Protestant Northern Ireland and unite the province with the overwhelmingly Catholic Irish Republic to the south.

The Fermanagh and South Tyrone district borders the Irish Republic and is in one of the worst killing grounds in Northern Ireland's 11 1-2-year-old sectarian conflict. Over 65 persons, mostly Protestants have been slain there in recent years. Sands defeated hardline Protestant Harry West, his only rival in the bizarre election for the Commons seat, by 30,492 votes to 29,046.

Daily Telegraph, which supports Mrs. Thatcher, called Sands' victory "a major political disaster" for her government. The London Times, independent, called it "a brilliant propaganda coup for the provisional IRA." The liberal London newspaper The Guardian said it was "a political triumph for the IRA."

Despite his election victory, Sands, as a prisoner, remains behind bars in Northern Ireland as he has throughout the election campaign. But Sinn Fein spokesman Danny Morrison said he will not resign the Commons seat and that he will continue with the hunger strike. The situation could develop in one of several ways. The commons could vote to oust Sands under a 1975 law banning anyone convicted within five years of an election from parliament.

Or the commons could wait until he dies, after which there would be a new election. Or West could ask the election court to unseat Sands on grounds he cannot sit in the commons. The government made no immediate comment. But politicians agreed whatever happens, Sands' election is a setback for it.

The vote shows the government's campaign to alienate IRA guerrillas politically from the Catholic minority is not working. "This nauseating result has exploded the myth that Catholics do not support the IRA," said Peter Robinson, deputy leader of the Rev. Ian Paisley's Protestant Democratic Unionist Party.

X-rays satisfactory
Reagan cheered in White House

WASHINGTON, April 11 (R) — President Reagan, saying he felt "great," walked out of hospital Saturday and went to the White House to continue his recovery from a bullet wound inflicted in the March 30 attempt on his life. Reagan, with his wife at his side, was dressed in a casual, bright red sweater as he entered his car for the short ride to the executive mansion from George Washington University Hospital.

Reagan, wounded in the left lung by the bullet from a would-be assassin's handgun, arrived at the White House about five minutes after leaving the hospital. In a steady drizzle, he walked under an umbrella from the hospital to his limousine.

Asked by a reporter how he felt, the 70-year-old president said: "Great." He was asked what he would do when he returned to the White House "Sit down," he replied.

At the White House, his car drove up to the south lawn driveway and Reagan was greeted by a house sign saying: "Welcome Back, Mr. President."

The president was greeted with cheers by the White House staff gathered on the lawn. He was greeted by Vice President George Bush and the vice president's wife, Barbara.

The president waved his left arm, responding to the crowd's welcome. He spent about one minute outside, standing under an umbrella, before disappearing into the White House.

Reagan thanked nurses and doctors in the hospital before leaving. He was also reported to have telephoned his press Secretary James Brady, who was still in hospital.

Spectators said Reagan, who usually has a ruddy complexion, looked somewhat wan. A secret serviceman, Timothy McCarthy, left the hospital April 7. Policeman Thomas Delahanty was still there receiving treatment for his bullet wounds.

Presidential spokesman Larry Speakes said hospital doctors decided Reagan could leave after they had examined the most recent X-rays of his injured lung. The spokesman quoted the doctors as saying the X-rays seemed very satisfactory and that the president could go home.

Dried blood and other remains from the wound in the lung had caused Reagan to suffer periodic fevers which slowed his recovery over the past week, according to his doctors. A tiny air pocket in the lung had also caused them concern, according to hospital spokesman Dr. Dennis O'Larry.

Columbia shuttle to blast off today

CAPE CANAVERAL, April 11 (AP) — Astronauts John Young and Robert Crippen received the green light Saturday to fly the shuttle Columbia into orbit Sunday after specialists corrected a computer problem in the space-shuttle. The problem forced postponement of the launch Friday.

"All of our people and our managers are ready to go," said Hugh Harris, spokesman for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Harris said NASA technicians worked through the night to correct the computer problem. Go ahead for 7 a.m. EST (1200 GMT) Sunday came shortly before noon Saturday.

Launch crews were instructed to resume the countdown at 6 p.m. Saturday. Experts at the Johnson Space Center in Houston were in charge of resolving the computer problem, which involved the failure of Columbia's four primary computers to communicate properly with a backup computer.

The space agency said that everytime the prime units tried to talk with the backup, there was a 40 millisecond "time skew," which meant that the backup didn't have time to reply to a command. "At present all computers are up and running properly and will not be shut down again throughout the mission," Harris said following the repair operation.

According to a flight control official at the space center here, a synchronization fault was found in the computer system and repaired. He added that the five computers are "communicating" among themselves without any breaks.

The decision to reschedule the launching was made after experts had checked the functioning of the four principal computers aboard the shuttle and the reserve device. According to the experts, all five computers are operating correctly.

The mission is scheduled to end Tuesday if Sunday's launching and the flight itself go according to plan. NASA spokesman said that the countdown toward launching had been resumed. The manned space shuttle is already three years behind schedule.

Young and Crippen were back on their pre-flight schedule. Instead of soaring through space Saturday, they practiced emergency landings in jet planes modified to handle like the shuttle. The astronauts came within 16 minutes of liftoff Friday, only to be told to wait for another day after a backup spacecraft computer failed. "It was just one of those things" Crippen said.

If the Columbia does take off Sunday morning, the landing site for Tuesday, in the giant dry lake bed at Edwards air base in California, is expected to have perfect weather conditions.

U.K. strikes planned

LONDON, April 11 (R) — British civil servants announced plans Saturday to reduce the country's main air and sea ports to chaos during Easter to press home the pay campaign.

The council of civil service unions, which is fighting the government for a 15 per cent increase on pay averaging \$11,000 a year, said in a statement that traffic system of Britain would be disrupted from April 14 until April 21.

"Customs staff will rigorously apply the customs law and regulator and immigration staff will either be taking strike action or operating skeleton control at key periods," it said. The government is saying that large pay increases will increase inflation.

Kuwait, Singapore to have oil center

SINGAPORE, April 11 (AFP) — Singapore and Kuwait will sign an agreement Wednesday to set up an \$476 million international petroleum center in Singapore.

Under the deal to be signed in Kuwait, Singapore's Jurong Town Corporation (JTC) and a Kuwaiti consortium will each hold a 40 per cent share of the new company. The other 20 per cent will be open to participation by companies in both countries.

A JTC official told the government-controlled Singapore Broadcasting Corporation that the center would be built in phases over several years on an 18-hectare (43-acre) site in Jurong, the industrial suburb of Singapore.

When completed it is expected to be the nucleus of Arab-Singapore joint ventures. It will house oil companies, engineering and computer firms and other software enterprises.

The chairman of the new company will be Ahmad Al-Duwaij, the present chairman of the Kuwaiti consortium. Kuwait is the second largest supplier of crude oil to Singapore after Saudi Arabia.

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Nazer in Washington

Thrusting alien values opposed

By Susan Gray
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 11 — Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer warned industrial nations against trying to impose Western political and social institutions upon countries of the Third World.

"We are living in an era of developing countries," he told an American audience in Washington Thursday. "Any attempt to impose outside values and institutions" on other indigenous peoples will aggravate the unifying forces holding those societies together, Nazer said in the opening speech at a Georgetown University conference on Arab resources.

While Nazer admitted that Saudi Arabia's own development plans could have some effects on the fabric of its society, he rejected any analogies between conditions in the Kingdom and circumstances in Iran under the Shah.

That does not mean that some of the factors which led to the Iranian Revolution in 1978 are not present in Saudi Arabia, the minister said. But he stressed that the Kingdom has many strong points which set it apart from Iran: The homogeneity of the Saudi Arabian people, freedom from the imposition of an outside political system, access of the people to the king and crown prince, and the absence of any strong pro-Soviet faction in the country.

Criticizing the theories of some Western political observers who have worried about a "domino theory" in the Arabian Gulf, Nazer said drawing such analogies reveals a poor understanding of Iran and Saudi Arabia.

Discussing the building of institutions in developing countries, Nazer said a "theory



Hisham Nazer

may dazzle" but an incongruous theory creates havoc for generations of people.

This was demonstrated, he said, when countries formerly under the yoke of colonialism achieved independence and chaos developed because of the Western-introduced and encouraged political systems.

Nazer urged the symposium audience to take a look at democratic institutions against a backdrop of the developing world where they would function.

"Our world is not even," the minister said. "An educated electorate is necessary for a democracy, but is not alone sufficient," Nazer concluded.

He added that there are "widely different definitions of democracy" and he included the traditional tribal system found in Saudi Arabia as fitting into the range of these definitions.

Surveying the governmental structure of Saudi Arabia, Nazer also commented on the link in the Kingdom between government

and Islam. "Islam is an all-pervasive value system," he explained.

Nazer's keynote address on institution building in developing countries opened a two-day symposium on "Arab resources: The transformation of a society," sponsored by Georgetown University's Center for Contemporary Arab Studies.

He underlined that the state and religion form an indivisible whole in Saudi Arabia as Islam governs all aspects of daily life.

The two-day seminar was attended by world authorities on Arab affairs, as well as representatives from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Monetary Fund and several American universities. It was also attended by Ahmad Moemina, the Saudi Arabian charge d'affaires in the United States.

Talal talks with Poncet

PARIS, April 11 (SPA) — Prince Talal ibn Abdul Aziz, honorary U.N. assistant secretary general for UNICEF, conferred here Friday with French Foreign Minister Jean-Francois Poncet. Prince Talal briefed Poncet on the outcome of the meeting recently held in Bahrain and attended by the constituent member states of the Gulf Development Fund to discuss assistance to the UNICEF.

Poncet affirmed his country's interest in the UNICEF and readiness to consolidate its activities. The Gulf fund groups Saudi Arabia, Oman, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Iraq and Kuwait.

Prince Badr returns

RIYADH, April 11 (SPA) — Prince Badr ibn Abdul Aziz, deputy commander of the National Guard, returned here Friday night from Abu Dhabi where he conveyed a message to UAE President Sheikh Zayed ibn Sultan Al-Nahayan from King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd.

The prince was met at the airport by members of the Royal Family, National Guard secretaries, senior officials and high-ranking military personnel. Prince Badr left Riyadh Thursday night and met Sheikh Zayed soon after his arrival.

Hasa water projects enhance farming

HASA, April 11 (SPA) — Computerized irrigation has been introduced to farms here to regulate water requirements, an official disclosed here for the first time.

Muhammad Babbain, director general of the Hasa Irrigation and Drainage Project, said computerization prevents water wastage. The project's authority also is undertaking a field study to recycle drainage water for land reclamation, Babbain said.

A study has just been completed on possible additional water resources for the project from an area about 55 kilometers off Hofuf to save drinking water for the area's residents. At the same time, the pumping of subter-

anean water, which is now the main source for irrigation in the area, will be stopped.

This will help increase the quantity of water drilled from the project's springs, and help in the agricultural development of the project. Swamps and old sewage systems will be Pan-filled and replaced by drainage canals.

The authority is also enlarging the subsidiary irrigation canals as part of its annual program to carry more irrigational water to speed up the process. This helps avoid water being wasted by absorption in the canals themselves on the way to the fields.

Because of urban development on both

sides of the first main drainage canal at Fais district in Hofuf over a two-kilometer distance, the authority decide to cover the canals to improve the area's environment.

At the beginning of next year, the authority will construct a new model building to house its administration. The number of agricultural development projects are increasing in various parts of the country, including Qatif, Khafj and Afaj.

Regular and swift water distribution enabled farmers to plant new crops that can grow up only with the area's water, such as fruits and vegetables. Previously, the farmer received only brackish water.

Local firms awarded dam contracts

RIYADH, April 11 (SPA) — Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al Sheikh approved the award of an SR7 million contract for building a dam in Ushaiger. The contract, won by a national company, calls for the completion of the Al-Manhatal dam in 12 months.

The dam, 2.5 kilometers west of Ushaiger, will be built to a height of 10 meters and width of 500 meters. The dam is designed to be covered with reinforced concrete in the front. It will hold an estimated one million cubic meters of water.

The contract includes digging a side canal for the dam which will be 60-meters wide and 120-meters long. A guard house and a power generating room also will be built under the contract.

Meanwhile, Abdullah Al-Musaed, deputy minister for water affairs, awarded an SR2.8 million contract for an expansion project. The contract, given to a local firm involves a network for the new districts of Thadeq. The project is expected to be completed within eight months.

Musaed also approved the awarding of another SR1.5 million contract for the Najran water project. The contract, won by a national company, calls for digging several wells and laying pipelines.

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Sultan commends links with Yemen

JEDDAH, April 11 (SPA) — The Saudi-Yemeni Coordination Council discussed here Sunday political, economic and cultural relations during a meeting led by Defense and Civil Aviation Minister Prince Sultan and North Yemen Foreign Minister Ali Lutfi Al Thawr. Meetings at subcommittee level resumed Sunday afternoon.

In a statement after the meeting Prince Sultan described the council as "an expression of the two countries' efforts toward

development." He added that the council was not limited to discussing development, but will also coordinate policies on regional, Arab, Islamic international issues.

"It is not only a council to channel capital investment, but also a council for understanding of the two countries external and internal policies," he said.

Prince Sultan hoped that the next meeting of the council will be convened in Yemen Arab Republic.

The North Yemeni Foreign Minister Ali Lutfi Al Thawr said after the meeting that the council, which met for about two hours, had discussed political, economic, social and cultural matters.

The Saudi Arabian delegation to the meeting included Prince Naif, interior minister; Dr. Abdul Yamani, information minister; Dr. Abdul Aziz Al Khuweiter, the minister of education; Dr. Rashad Pharaon, the King's special adviser; Muhammad Ahsan Al Khaili, the minister of Finance and Economy and Trade; Al Harithy, the Saudi Arabian ambassador in Sanaa.

The Yemeni delegation included Abdullah Al Korshomi, the minister of public works; Hassan Ahmed Al Lawzi, the minister of information; Dr. Muhammad Al Qadi, the minister of finance and Fuad Qa'ed Muhammad, the minister of development.



TALKS: The Saudi Arabian-Yemeni Coordination Council began its deliberations in Jeddah Saturday. The Kingdom's side was led by Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan. North Yemeni Foreign Minister Ali Lutfi Al Thawr headed his country's delegation.

Saud in Dacca

DACCA, April 11 (SPA) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal arrived here Saturday on the first leg of a four-nation tour that also includes India, Nepal and Sri Lanka for promoting Saudi Arabia's relations with the Asian countries.

During his visit Prince Saud will exchange views with his counterparts in Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka on promoting bilateral relations and other international issues.

He headed a delegation that included Deputy Foreign Minister for Economic Affairs Sheikh Abdullah Alreza, Director of Asian Affairs Abbas Ghazawi and Director of Foreign Information Nazzar Madani.

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COMMENT

By Muhammad Omar Al-Amoudi
Al Medina

In my last comment (*Arab News* April 9), my aim was to emphasize the pressing need being felt by many for the establishment of Islamic banks in the country. The need is still greater for those who feel embarrassed to deal with the existing banking organizations operating on the basis of interest.

In the previous comment, I had mentioned two types of investment companies, one which actually serves the objectives of Islam and the other which actively exploits those objectives under the smokescreen of Islam.

It was only after the comment found its way toward publication that I was pleasantly surprised to know that a company has already been set up for this purpose by a group of

people who are known for their patriotism and Islamic zeal. They are the people who have dedicated themselves for the service of Islam and have been instrumental in having quite a few banks established on Islamic basis, operating successfully in the Gulf region, Egypt and Sudan.

What I had intended was to stress the need for encouraging such a gesture as much as possible. As leader of the Islamic world, our country is worthy of carrying out this experiment which, I am greatly convinced, would achieve success and draw up a solid course for the enforcement of Islamic criteria in all walks of life.

I preferred this cautionary advice so that there should not be any confusion between those organizations which are actively serving the interests of Islam and those that might try to exploit this trend to their own interests.

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Joint venture oil plant planned in Bahrain soon

MANAMA, April 11 (Agencies) — An oil refinery costing \$600 million will be built here as a joint venture between Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Bahrain, it was announced here Saturday.

The Minister of Industry and Development Yusuf Shirawi said the refining will increase the price of exported oil by at least \$15 a barrel because it will convert heavy crude to light which is in greater demand in the world markets. An agreement to start building the refinery is expected to be signed soon.

Last month the Ruler Sheikh Issa bin Salman Al Khalifa unveiled a plaque last week to initiate the work on a \$350 million petrochemical complex as a joint venture between the three countries. The ceremony, south of the present but small oil refinery's tanker terminal was attended by the Saudi Arabian Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algosabi and the Kuwaiti Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Sabah.

The venture, known as the Gulf Petrochemical Company, represents the largest single investment ever in Bahrain. The cost will be shared equally by the three countries. When it comes on stream in 1984 it will consist of two processing plants — one for the production of 1000 metric tons of ammonia a day and another for 1000 tons of methanol a day. Bahrain's abundant supply of natural gas will be used as raw material.

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U.S. wants enlarged U.N. Lebanon force

BONN, April 11 (AP) — The Reagan administration may support an expanded United Nations peacekeeping force in Lebanon if fighting continues there, U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig said Saturday. Haig arrived in Bonn from Paris on the final stop of his eight-day tour that focused chiefly on peace and security problems in the Middle East.

In Paris, Haig met with French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing and told reporters afterward they discussed a possible United Nations involvement to help end the fighting in Lebanon.

Sporadic clashes Saturday threatened to undermine a three-day-old ceasefire between a Syrian peacekeeping contingent and right-wing Christian forces. Haig described it as a "very serious situation."

"We discussed a role for the United Nations in the situation and perhaps it will be necessary, if the parties themselves cannot deal with it effectively, to consider a peacekeeping force of some kind," Haig said. "We do feel the matter is urgent and we are involved in a number of coordinated diplomatic activities," he added.

While he didn't specifically criticize Israel for its raids on South Lebanon Thursday and Friday, a senior official traveling with Haig

said Israel's actions could jeopardize the ceasefire. "The Israeli raids are hardly timely," he said. The official said events in one part of Lebanon unquestionably have an impact on events elsewhere in the country.

Meanwhile, sporadic artillery explosions and gunfire exchanges kept tension high along Beirut's mid-city Green Line Saturday. A spokesman for Lebanon's police department said artillery and machine gun exchanges flared during Friday night between Syrian forces and rightist militiamen in Zable.

The spokesman also said the final casualty toll in Israel's paratroop attacks and air raids on Palestinian positions south of Beirut and in southern Lebanon Thursday night and Friday came to 16 killed and 32 wounded. The dead victims were seven commandos and nine Lebanese villagers, the spokesman added.

"We could not sleep a minute Friday night," said AP photographer Zaven Wartan, who lives near the Syrian-controlled 40-story Murr Tower skyscraper near the Green Line.

The exchanges tapered off in Beirut in the morning and police said the Syrian command and the Lebanese army were engaged in negotiations over means of coping with localized violations.



CONGRATULATES SON: King Hussein of Jordan who took the salute at a passing-out ceremony at Britain's Sandhurst Royal Military Academy when his eldest son Abdullah graduated Friday, is seen greeting Abdullah. The King, who graduated from Sandhurst himself, was invited by Queen Elizabeth to represent her at the parade. Hussein, on a private visit, met Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to discuss the Middle East. He is due to meet Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington Wednesday, the Jordanian Embassy in London said.

Djibouti president visiting Somalia

MOGADISHU, April 11 (AP) — President Hassan Guled Aptidon of Djibouti arrived here from Aden on an official eight-day visit to Somalia Friday.

He is expected to hold several meetings with Somali President Siad Barre, on what Barre's aides called "bilateral issues."

In January, the Djibouti president paid an official visit to Ethiopia, which is fighting the Western Somali Liberation Front fighters who have their headquarters here, for the

control of the Ogaden desert region. Recently, Somali officials also claimed that South Yemen is supplying troops to Ethiopia, for the Ogaden conflict, but no official statement has been made about the Djibouti president's role in the matter.

Djibouti, a small former French colony which became independent in 1977, has had an influx of refugees from the Ogaden, fleeing either drought or fighting. It is also a major seaport for Ethiopia to the Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea.

3 African leaders discuss Chad

LAGOS, April 11 (R) — The presidents of Chad, Algeria and Nigeria conferred here Friday on the situation in Chad, recently wracked by civil war.

Presidents Goukouni Oueddei of Chad, Shehu Shagari of Nigeria and Chadli Ben-jedid of Algeria met for an hour, a spokesman said. No statement was issued on the talks, which followed the cancellation of a six-nation summit after Libyan leader

Muammar Qaddafi refused to attend.

The Nigerian spokesman did not know if the summit would be held later. "The question is whether Qaddafi is convinced the talks would be of use," he said.

The Organization of African Unity (OAU) had condemned Libya's military intervention in Chad and a proposed merger with Chad. The summit was to have discussed progress toward free elections in Chad.

BRIEFS

DAMASCUS, (R) — Palestinian commandos said an Israeli bomb disposal expert was seriously wounded as he was trying to handle explosive charges they planted in Tel Aviv central bus station Friday. A spokesman quoted by the Palestine News Agency Wafa said three other Israelis were also wounded.

KUWAIT, (AP) — A Kuwaiti army helicopter crashed Saturday killing its pilot and a cadet, an official announcement said. A communique from the defense ministry said the crash took place during a routine training flight, but did not say where the helicopter fell.

Many villages destroyed in Afghan retaliation

NEW DELHI, April 11 (R) — Diplomatic sources have reported that a number of Afghan villages had been destroyed in retaliation for anti-government attacks.

The villages were around Charikar town in Parwan province, some 65kms north of Kabul, on the main road to the Salang Pass and the Soviet border. No details were given of the raids, which the sources said followed freedom fighter attacks in Charikar by day and night.

Afghan troops were continuing to be moved out of Kabul, apparently to reinforce

provincial army garrisons and help fight the rebellion, the sources said.

Last week, the sources said Soviet aircraft had bombed villages in four other Afghan provinces after freedom fighters killed Soviet soldiers and Afghan government supporters. Bagram town in Parwan province was also bombed, the sources said.

Tanks and helicopters were used last week against fighters in the Kodaman Valley, about half-way between Kabul and Charikar, they added.

Egyptian arms flow to Iraq

CAIRO, April 11 (Agencies) — Well-placed sources here say Egypt's sale of arms to Iraq was not a one-shot deal, and the Egyptians continue to provide artillery ammunition to the Iraqis.

Sources in the Egyptian foreign ministry refused to reveal the extent of military aid afforded the Iraqis, but they said it is ongoing

and so far Cairo has not put a quantity limit on what the Iraqis can buy.

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat announced in an address March 31 that despite Iraq's bitter rejection of Egypt's peace with Israel, Cairo was helping arm Iraq because the Iraqis came to Egypt's aid during the 1973 Middle East war. The Egyptians were simply returning a favor, Sadat said.

U.S. plans Phantom sale to Turkey

WASHINGTON, April 11 (AP) — The United States is preparing to sell Turkey F-4E Phantom jet fighters for the first time in more than 4½ years.

The Pentagon has sent congress notification of plans to sell Turkey F-4E jets, along with spare parts and support equipment, for about \$78 million. Pentagon records show

this is the first sale of combat planes to Turkey since September 1976.

Longstanding U.S.-Turkey differences were healed more than a year ago with the signing of a five-year agreement renewing U.S. authority to use 12 military installations in Turkey, including those which monitor Soviet nuclear tests and military movements.

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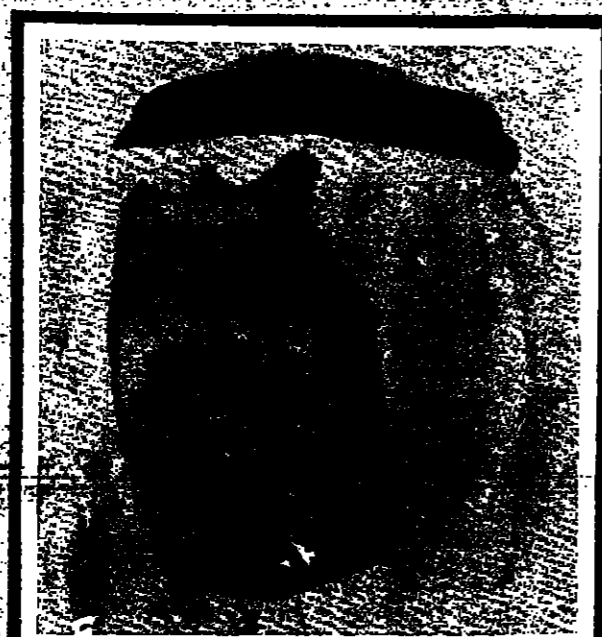
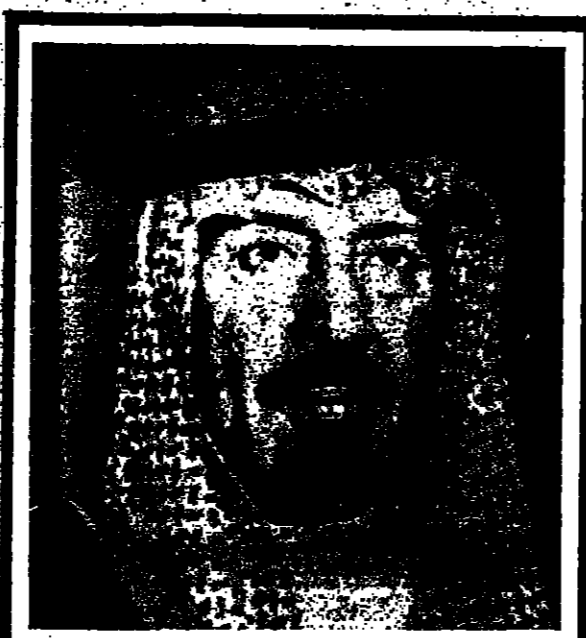
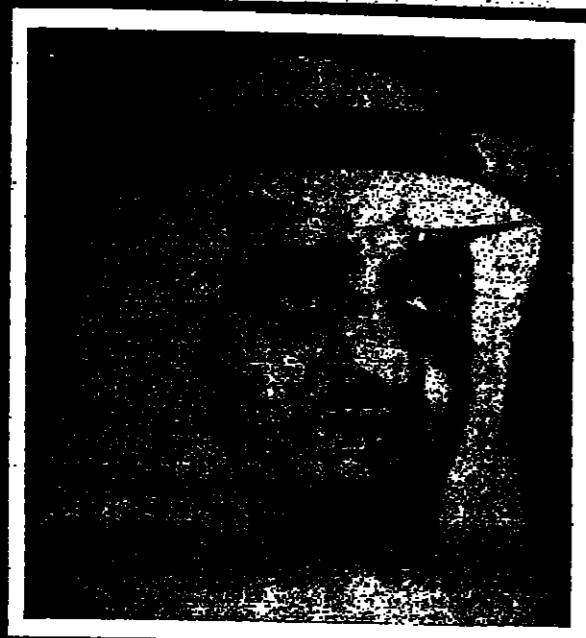
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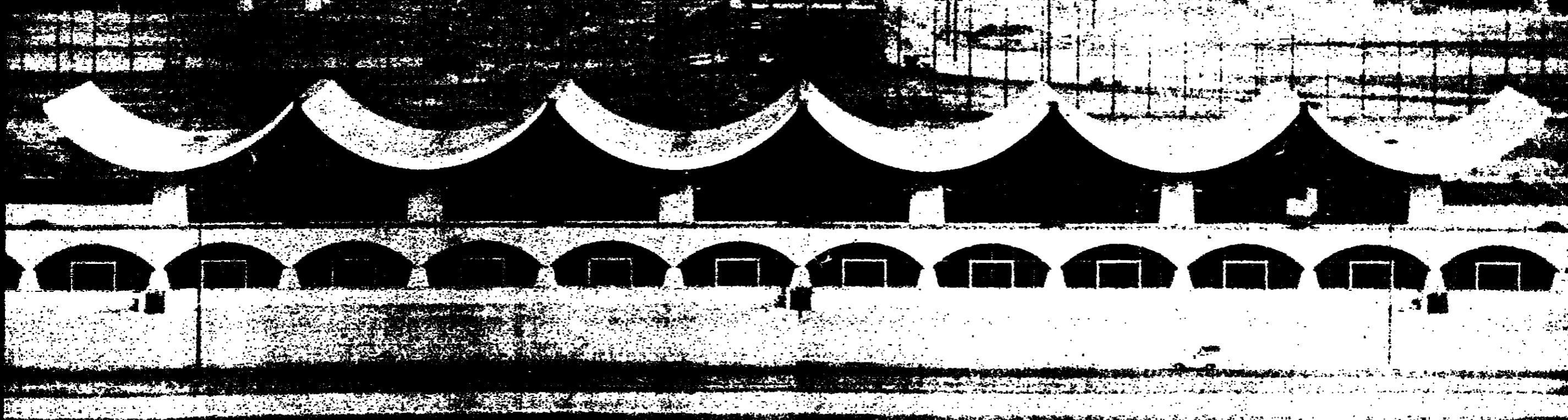


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On U.S. proposal for a rapid deployment force

Gen. Sir John Hackett, author of *The Third World War*, former commander-in-chief of the British Army of the Rhine and principal of King's College, London, looks at President Reagan's proposal for a rapid deployment force.

By Gen. Sir John Hackett

LONDON — No one needs reminding that the flow of oil through the Gulf is of crucial importance to Western industry and Japan, but some figures are still worth recalling. About half of all energy consumed in the United States derives from oil and one third of this comes from the Gulf. Over 60 per cent of the needs of Western Europe and over 70 per cent of Japan's are met from the same source.

On Jan. 23, 1980, President Carter, in his State of the Union speech, declared the readiness of the U.S. to apply force if necessary to ensure the supply of petroleum. He identified the chief threat to this in Soviet military adventurism in South-West Asia.

Secretary of Defense Brown, speaking in the same month, saw a more realistic danger in regional turbulence. The USSR would exploit this but direct Russian military intervention was not a high probability. Zbigniew Brzezinski, Carter's national security adviser, already emphasized the desirability of rapid, effective and pre-emptive response to a threat to the oil flow.

President Reagan has now taken up an existing position, rather than a new one, and restated it more boldly and probably with higher credibility, adding to it little more than a proposal to station U.S. ground troops in the area. The types of threat, as before, are domestic disorder, blockade and intrusion, whether by a local power, a Soviet proxy or (the least likely contingency) the USSR itself.

The U.S. forces available for rapid deployment are also much the same. They have not greatly changed since the 1960s when the then defense secretary, Robert McNamara, proposed a U.S. "fire brigade". The army still has the 82nd Airborne Division, the 101st Mobile Division, one light armored division and the infantry division constituting the Pacific Reserve in Hawaii. One Marine Division would be available, with its associated air wing, and possibly two if there were no emergency elsewhere.

The U.S. Air Force could deploy about 31 fighter-attack squadrons. At sea, apart from the sea-lift, the smaller craft such as fast patrol boats,

minesweepers and anti-submarine craft which would be required would probably be found. The critical element would be aircraft carriers, of which three would probably be available, or even four with appropriate support.

There would, however, be great reluctance to operate aircraft carriers in the Gulf itself. No closer, that is to say, than some 2,000 miles from the head of it. The operational lift available has also not very greatly increased, on balance, since McNamara's fire brigade, thanks to the dampening of enthusiasm for distant interventions brought about by Vietnam.

As the threats and American resources have essentially changed little, so have the difficulties. These lie above all in three areas; the physical environment, time and distance, and political sensitivity. The first needs no elaboration. Largely inhospitable country, a climate harsh for Westerners and a poor water supply present logistic problems, as well as operational, which are great but certainly not insuperable.

The second area offers greater difficulty. The critically important base of Subic Bay is 6,000 miles from the entrance to the Gulf. Guam is 1,500 miles further off. Norfolk in Virginia, via the Cape of Good Hope, lies 11,000 miles away. The military base in the Indian Ocean on Diego Garcia is now at last, under full development 2,300 miles from the head of the Gulf. There is some promise of shore facilities closer in toward the critical area, but these could only reduce the problems without wholly solving them.

To move the essential combat elements of 82nd Airborne Division (11,000 men out of 15,000) the necessary distance from their base (that is, halfway round the world) would use 700 C-141 equivalent sorties in an operation that would take 10 to 15 days from a standing start but about half that with adequate prior preparation. The U.S. inventory of C-141s is less than 300, though much use could be made of the Tactical Transport C-130s, of which there are some 500.

To assemble shipping and to load and move a division-size assault force to the Middle East from the States could take about two months. Pre-positioning of forces and air support runs the U.S. straight into the third and least tractable area of difficulties — the political. They are of two kinds.

The first lies in a general unwillingness throughout the area to accept the possibility of any armed

intervention from outside. This was clearly seen in the response of the United Arab Emirates to Mrs. Thatcher's undertakings to President Reagan that Britain would be prepared to participate in U.S. intervention initiatives. This does not indicate a total and final obstacle in a matter in which the cosmetic element is of high importance. It does emphasize the need for careful handling.

The second kind of difficulty lies in a virtually universal opposition to the standing presence of foreign troops on the ground. The issues here are complex so long as the U.S. is believed to be following a pro-Israeli line over the Palestine issue.

There is no doubt that the U.S. could not stand idly by while the USSR increases its deep-strike capability worldwide, and develops intervention forces with foreign base facilities to support them.

There is equally little doubt that Britain should stand by the United States. What Britain would be able to provide in armed forces and their mobility is under study.

It would be wrong to expect NATO, as such, to assist. The Federal Republic of Germany would be reluctant and the Low Countries frankly hostile to that. The Atlantic Treaty could not, in any case, be easily redrawn to make this possible. What NATO can do, however, if it will, is to take up the slack if other allies under the treaty (including France) divert forces to contain a distant threat. France has, in any case, a useful naval presence in the area already and some 4,500 marine infantry on station in Djibouti.

The action of Western countries would be taken in concert with non-NATO associates, such as Australia and Japan. Machinery for action in coalition must now be set up.

The urgent need is for the Americans to arrive at an accommodation in the matter of Palestine which is accepted by Arab governments. Without that, even the formidable manipulative talents of the British Defense Secretary, Lord Carrington, will not find it easy to bring about the prepositioning of troops and supplies by the United States and its associates (of whom by reason of its experience Britain could in some ways be the most useful) not just in the Indian Ocean, but where they are most wanted, on the ground near at hand.

Small resources, already in place before an emergency, could do much to encourage stability. Larger forces coming in later might only destabilize a difficult situation still further. (ONS)

Africa's forgotten 5m refugees

By Alastair Matheson

Tesfaye Berhan, Victor Ndieloru and Ndsaba Kataranza come from countries thousands of miles apart, but the three have one thing in common. They are all African refugees in strange lands, with little prospect of returning to their homes in the foreseeable future.

Tesfaye is an Eritrean now sheltering in a tent at Wad El Hileiwu reception center near Sudan's border with Ethiopia. Victor is a South African refugee from Cape Town, trying to live off the land for the first time in his life near Tabora in Tanzania. Ndsaba also lives in Tanzania, after escaping from a bloody tribal massacre in neighboring Burundi almost 10 years ago.

I met them, and hundreds more, during two weeks of traveling through settlements and staging posts for African refugees being looked after by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees as part of a massive operation throughout Africa, a continent that now holds half the world's refugee population.

African governments hosting a total of five million homeless complain that they find it hard enough to feed their own people, many of whom are in conditions little better than the refugees. They cannot afford to feed these extra mouths and are beginning to ask why the refugee problem cannot be the responsibility of all humanity, especially those who can better afford the cost.

Sudan, probably the most hospitable of all, is rightly proud of its long tradition of sheltering strangers — one that grew out of its geographical position as a bridge between West Africa and the Muslim holy city of Mecca.

Over the past decade or so four of its eight neighbors have experienced such violent upheavals that tens of thousands of people have fled into Sudan. None have been turned away, although Sudan's refugee population is now over half-a-million — and still rising.

Many African leaders, including Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri, have asked why it is that the world has shown more concern for Asian refugees, and that the boat people from Vietnam, for example, have generated far more publicity than the desperate plight of the Somali refugees, crammed into shanty towns in the scorching desert with only a few drops of water.

The Organization of African Unity is well aware of the difficulty of presenting the case for the African refugee, and its assistant secretary-general, Dr. Peter Onu, charged with handling the crisis, points to the discrepancy whereby only \$22 a year is spent on each African, compared to \$50 a year for refugees in other continents, including Asia. He complains that the present level of assistance to African refugees is only enough to save them from starvation. There is not enough to help them back to a normal life.

One problem is that so many of the refugees in Africa are "forgotten people," the victims of old tribal and political upheavals. To the outside world, these long-gone events in a rapidly-changing continent have been overtaken by much more immediate crises. The whole African scene is too complicated for the public of potential donor nations to grasp without long and detailed study.

Only when a bloody coup takes place, or a well-publicized famine occurs, does the world sit up for a moment and take notice.

Cynical Africans say that Europe and North America react more generously to the plight of Asians because "they are not so black as us," and easier to identify with than semi-naked tribesmen in rags or in outlawed garb.

As if the five million refugees were not enough to cope with, there are many millions more in Africa who are either "displaced persons" or MSAs (most seriously affected persons). They have not crossed international frontiers but have been uprooted from their homes by hostilities, drought or pestilence. They live in relief camps and settlements but without land on which to grow their food, making them totally dependent on others.

That number could increase enormously as predicted droughts and famines spread over the continent this decade. That problem is likely to become so staggering that there is a danger of the world community throwing up its hands in despair. That is why the countries of the world were invited to Geneva this month to respond to Africa's call for help, especially for those countries which, single-handed, are bearing the burden of feeding strangers for years on end, with scant resources.

If a billion dollars of aid is not forthcoming, then the present meager assistance will have to be cut, lest the nationals of the host countries are reduced to the plight of the refugees in their midst.

For those who cannot comprehend the magnitude of the African refugee problem, Guy Djibouti, reflects the situation on a small scale. The 42,000 refugees in this Red Sea republic bordering Ethiopia and Somalia already constitute 12 per cent of the population, not counting many more who are not registered.

In this arid land, with its blistering heat, water is so scarce that children in the refugee settlements get only a cupful of water a day. Adults get a cupful only every second day.

BREAD COMES FIRST

One of Britain's tasks as a member of the Western alliance is to maintain a nuclear submarine in constant patrol in the Atlantic, both to keep an eye on Soviet craft there and in readiness to take its part in the obliteration of the world when the final showdown comes.

But the submarine concerned still languishes in a Scottish port, unable to perform its duty. Those who are supposed to supply and maintain it are, for some reason, not naval personnel but civil servants. And their union is locked in bitter struggle at the moment with the government over higher pay. So the leviathan remains helplessly beached.

The commander of the base where the affair is taking place intends to use naval personnel to solve the problem. But that, of course, is "strike breaking", which means that tempers, so long simmering, have definitely boiled over now. Mrs. Thatcher, the prime minister, stood up in the Commons to denounce those for whom private interest comes before their duties to the country. The unions are paying her back in full measure verbally, and are soon to follow this with intensified action.

Thus it is with the empire on whose dominions once the sun never set. And thus it is generally with the West, whose defenses are so easily disruptable from within. Whatever Mrs. Thatcher would say, the current state of affairs reflects the general mood in the West: Bread and daily cares come first.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Newspapers mostly led with King Khaled's arrival in Jeddah Saturday to dedicate a number of development projects in the Western Province, including the new King Abdul Aziz airport in Jeddah. Meanwhile, *Al Medina* carried as lead story a statement by Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan, who said that "our policy toward the Soviet Union has never changed". *Okaz* also led with Prince Sultan's statement on U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig's recent visit to Saudi Arabia, in which he said "Haig did not discuss with us any amendments or conditions to the arms deal, and our youths are capable of manning AWACS aircraft".

Newspapers frontpaged a report on Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal's visit to Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka. They also gave front-page coverage to the arrival of North Yemeni Foreign Minister Ali Lutf Al-Thawr to lead his country's delegation to the meetings of the Saudi Arabian-Yemeni Coordination Council beginning in Jeddah Saturday.

In a page one story, *Al Nadwa* said that a television seminar in West Germany has shown that the majority of the public opinion in Germany support arms' sale to Saudi Arabia.

Al Jazirah editorially dealt with the development projects of the Western Province to be dedicated by the King this week. The paper referred to the new airport in Jeddah, the King Abdul Aziz University and some projects of the industrial sector. It said that all these projects are symbolic of a new development for the country and the people, showing

the most splendid coherence existing between the leadership and the people. The paper felt convinced that this trend would lead to further progress and prosperity in the country.

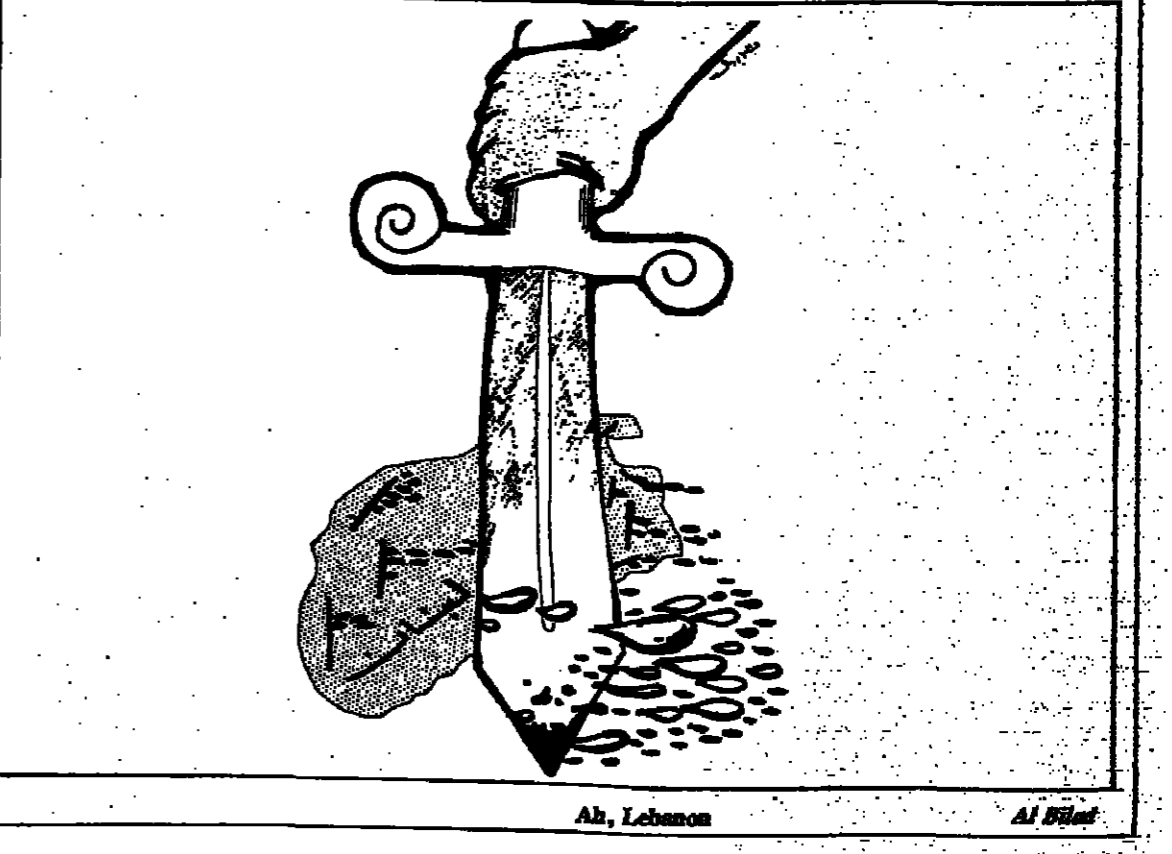
On the same subject, *Al Nadwa* noted that, as the airport and university projects speak of advancement in the fields of communication and education, the laying of the foundation-stone for the Medina expressway and the opening of a number of industrial projects are a living example of the monarch's concern for the pilgrims and comfort of the citizens. The policy of promoting the local industries is sure to put the country on a high pedestal of industrial progress, it added.

Al Bilad observed that the high standard of achievement in the country's major projects specifies the dimensions and objectives of a comprehensive progress and development in all spheres. Under the wise leadership, the state is doing everything possible to achieve the highest measure of peace, security and stability for the countrymen, it added.

Commenting on the arms deal, *Okaz* noted that the Kingdom's policy in regard to arms is crystal clear. It believes in the diversification of the sources of arms, in order to obtain the best weapons available in the international market for the defense of the homeland, the paper said. It added that raising the level of military prowess does not mean that Saudi Arabia wants to commit an aggression, but its prime aim is to deter those who might feel tempted to jeopardize the peace and security of this country.

On the other hand, *Al Medina* dealt with Saudi Arabian-Yemeni relations, saying that bilateral relations are continuously growing in the best interest of the two countries and their peoples. The paper, however, regretted that the existence of excellent ties between the two countries did not please the enemies, so they started spilling venom in an attempt to create dissension. It exhorted the two countries to increase their meetings and contacts in order to realize greater cooperation and coordination, and said that Saudi Arabia has always tried to work within the framework of the Joint Coordination Council with a view to boosting bilateral relations and consolidating cooperation. Both Saudi Arabia and Yemen enjoy age-old historic relations, and the Kingdom wishes Yemen complete progress and stability under the umbrella of the divine law, the paper added.

Al Riyadh felt concerned about the situation in Lebanon. In an editorial, it said that the European parliament's urgent call for the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon, with the exception of the U.N. peacekeeping force, speaks of a trend toward internationalization of the case. Israel's activities and the West's abrupt interest in the Lebanese issue as a problem quite separate from the Middle East are dangerous trends and cannot provide a real solution to the crisis, the paper said. Such trends would only mean to obliterate the people's rights, to close the chapter of a long struggle and to do away with all their achievements, it added.



Ah, Lebanon

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In Afghanistan

Hatred of Russians snowballs

By Shahid Orazai
Arab News Correspondent

RAWALPINDI, — For young Ahmed Wali, 10, it all began with a snowball fight. To avenge the Soviet invasion of his country, the Afghan boy collected a dozen friends and launched a counter-offensive against Russian children who have come to stay in a Kabul suburb.



ATROCIOUS: Ahmed Wali, 10, was one of the victims of atrocities. For playing with Russian children in Kabul, he was hit with a rifle butt fracturing his left arm.

But, this time the Russians were defeated, as both sides were evenly armed — with snowballs.

The Russians, masters of retreat, fled to their apartments but only return in a bigger number next morning. The snowball fight between the young armies, then became a regular scene in Kabul neighborhoods, an understandable expression of resentment of the Afghan elite and civil servants. War games have always been more popular with children than with the adults. But, for children nearing the age of 10, a toy gun dummy fight has hardly any thrill. They look for real action.

"You know, the snowball fighting is a real test of your muscle, your guts", Wali said. "It depends on how hard you can hit and how much you can stand." Like all proud Afghans he hardly surrenders to Russian superiority in equipment and arsenal.

The snowball fighting could have continued, but soon the Russians decided to bring in weapons into this children's game. A Russian sentry, a Persian-speaking Tajik soldier, caught Wali by his collar and charged him with beating and abusing the Russian settlers.

In a country where people are shot everyday without any trial, the reading out of a charge-sheet was surely a favor to the Afghan boy. But that is all about the Moscow brand justice. To ensure speedy justice, the Soviets just don't believe in allowing defense. Besides delay, it also negates the very purpose of trial, they think.

In Wali's case, too, the roadside trial quickly concluded with the Russian soldier hitting him with his rifle butt fracturing his left arm above the elbow. But, Wali thinks he was lucky. The Russian could have used the bayonet as it happened in the case of a classmate at the Malae Shaheed High School when boys shouting anti-Russian slogans threw stones at a government soldier. "The cruel parchami (a name for ruling party members) hit one of my friends with the bayonet," he recalls.

The Russians also use special kind of

batons to break up public or student demonstrations. These batons carry a light electric charge which temporarily numbs the portion of the body where it is struck. In the first experience it causes terrible panic to the poor victim who fears that the affected portion of the body is dead for ever.

Wali spoke more about the parchamis: "This disgraceful breed of Afghans is trying to lead a new life style in Kabul which is even unacceptable to the Westernized family of Ahmed Wali. How could the ultra-conservative Mujahideen tolerate such nonsense?"

"The parchamis invite Russians to their homes for parties and often the Russians stay over for the night", Wali has learned to criticize like an adult. Justifying a social boycott of party members, he says: "Who would like his sister or mother to visit a house where Russians enter like family members."

The odd parchami who lived in their block, a five-storey building housing top government officials, was a Dagar Mand (brigadier general) of Afghan infantry who saw quick promotions after the Communist takeover. According to Wali, the parchami family led an isolated life with none of the neighbors, even children, visiting their apartment

despite frequent invitations.

At school the two sons of the parchami officer allotted a room by the principal to run the office of the parchami youth organization. "They would invite me every day to join the Saazman (youth organization) with temptations like free colorful magazines, badges etc. They also promised to get me a bank passbook and an official monthly stipend when I complete one year in their group". Wali is proud to have resisted all such temptations, part of a Soviet Strategy to pacify the urban populace.

The two-hour interview with Wali was inspired by the famous quotation: Ask the children if you want to know the truth. They would tell you all which elders may like to hide."

He speaks the language of the Afghan elite, a class which hates the Russian occupation no less than the Mujahideen do, but which prefers an exile in the West instead of joining the popular resistance struggle. Surely, that amounts to crossing a class barrier. Wali celebrated his 10th birthday in Rawalpindi where he is awaiting emigration clearance to the United States for the past five months.

"Why don't you be a Mujahid (freedom fighter)?" I asked him. Pointing at his jeans and a stripped sports jacket, he frankly confessed: "I can't be one".

I thought the boy visualizes a Mujahid as a man with a turban and baggy trousers but he had a much clearer concept about the rugged life of the freedom fighters. "To be a Mujahid, one has to be contended with a small piece of bread for the whole day and has to walk on mountains and in snow and often to sleep without a bed in the open," he said.

He stared at me asking if I was foolish enough to expect all this from a young boy. To interview a child, I knew, one must pose himself stupid beyond expectations. It is only then that the child agrees to talk freely.

"Is it worth for an Afghan to seek exile in the United States and return to his country when it is liberated by other people's effort", my provocation worked at last.

Finally, he agreed to join the Jihad (holy war against the Russians) and stay behind as his family flies out to the United States. But he had certain preconditions. He wants arms. However, unlike the Mujahideen whose top priority in armament is shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missiles, he has a different choice.

"You must give me a tank first," Wali said with that peculiar shine in his eyes which Afghans share with no other race.

The secret world of British hotel waiters

By George Brock

LONDON (ONS) — Michael Nicod, an intrepid undercover sociologist, is poised to reveal the secret world of hotel waiters. He took jobs as a waiter in six hotels in Britain to record at close quarters the black economy of hotel work and the war of nerves between waiters and customers. Some of his findings appear in a book on the British "black economy" just published, and he has a full-length volume out later in the year.

He found that part of his training in each establishment included an initiation into the local code of "fiddling" practice. He isn't naming the places he chose for his research, but he says that only two seemed relatively fiddle-free. By way of preparation, he read George Orwell's *Down and Out in Paris and London* and took a crash course in dining room protocol from a waitress friend.

He started with two hotels in a northern resort during the summer season and usually found that he could ask tricky questions without arousing suspicion after about a fortnight in each job. He narrowly escaped detection when caught reading a sociology textbook entitled *The Professional Thief*.

He was rapidly amazed at the extent and ingenuity of fiddles which are carried on behind the everyday public facade.

One waiter used to remove a cake from the hotel restaurant, remove the traces of its disappearance, cut it into slices, sell it to people taking tea in the lounge and pocket the cash.

Punishment was unusual and uneven. One man caught removing a batch of chickens was let off because he was a valuable member of the staff and the manager owed him money. A lowlier waiter caught in possession of \$12 worth of cooking oil was prosecuted.

Sizeable thefts were rare and confined to experienced staff who knew how to manipulate the system. There was plenty of what Nicod dismisses as the "mere simple forms of pilferage" like over-charging, short-changing etc. Banquets offer rich pickings: Nicod discovered that the best camouflage and protection from fiddles is being efficient and indispensable, starting with rigid obedience to rules of appearance.

One set of instructions ran: "You must never pick your nose, never scratch your hair, never stroke your chin... and you must always try to stand straight like Prince Charles." At a four-star hotel he was allowed to keep a moustache, but not his beard. At a five-star one, the moustache had to go too.

Your role is that of a serf," said one of his teachers. "You must learn not to act like a lord." Nicod concluded: "However prestigious the hotel, waiters don't really feel they're human beings. To compensate for this and to relieve the boredom, they look down on the customers and have their own language to describe them."

Customers, known as "punters", divide into several categories. "Peasants" are diners who can't find their way round a menu; "chance" is the most lucrative commodity in the room — non-residents who will pay and

tip in cash. "VIP" comes to mean more than just important people — "it means anyone who is liable to be difficult or awkward." Customers who tip generously are "good for the drop."

At a four-star London hotel, he found himself being gradually tested by the waiter in charge of his group of tables to see if he could be trusted to help operate fiddles by intercepting bills and baiting cooks. He was offered a melon to take home. After he'd done that, he took up an offer to bring a friend to a free dinner. Two came and only one paid.

Any waiter following that sequence would be far enough in to be unable to back out. The senior waiter now revealed that he had an ice cream van which needed repairing; and a garage owner, his wife and two of their guests ate a free dinner at the hotel in exchange for the repairs. The same waiter was running two restaurants of his own and rerouting hotel kitchen supplies to them: Nicod watched smoked salmon, crabmeat and a side of lamb disappear.

Few of his colleagues thought that what they were doing was either secret or dishonest. He overheard one waiter in one of the top hotels being questioned by a restaurant manager about a theft. "Well you know that I nick things... I know that you know that I nick things... but I don't nick things when it's someone important... or, if I do, I make bloody sure that no one knows something has been nicked."

Attacks on Asians mount in Zimbabwe

By John Edlin

SALISBURY, Zimbabwe (AP) — Two smartly dressed young men wearing large dark glasses told an Asian tailor one day recently he would be deported unless he paid Zimbabwe \$1,000 (\$1,550). The tailor paid, and told friends later that the men claimed to represent "The Party" — the Zimbabwe African National Union (Patriotic Front) of prime Minister Robert Mugabe.

At a restaurant, a group of youths in jeans and T-shirts ordered three teenaged black girls to get into their car. "You don't argue with the jongwe," one of the youths snapped, referring to the rooster (jongwe) symbol of the Mugabe's party.

An unprecedented wave of crimes ranging from blackmail to bilking has swept the country, in the name of the party. Many victims are members of minority racial groups, including "coloreds", people of mixed race. Although Zimbabwe citizens are protected by a bill of rights, some fear they may be decreed stateless like the Asians of Uganda in the early 1970s.

There is a precedent. Mugabe stripped his white native-born Supreme Military Commander Lt. Gen. Peter Walls of his citizenship last year, charging that the career soldier was working against the fledgling black state that was formerly Rhodesia.

Mugabe, in his 12th month as head of an independent Zimbabwe, has been alarmed at recent reports of confidence men and other crooks posing as officials of his party. "This extortionate behavior started when we returned from Mozambique," Finance Minister Enos Nkala was quoted as telling the *Salisbury Herald* in an interview.

The reference was to January, 1980, when Mugabe organizers returned from exile during a seven-year guerrillas war against white-minority rule. Nkala said the government, backed by the police, is mounting a

blitz against "crooks, criminals and others, who use the party's name to extort money, buy cars that other people must wait months for and bully restaurant, and garage-owners into giving them free food and gasoline, according to the paper.

Some of the crooks, it quoted him as saying, claimed to be "top people in the party."

"Some of the victims, particularly Europeans and Asians, have been giving money to the tune of 1,500 (Zimbabwe) dollars. These people have been threatened with deportation if they do not make any contributions. We have never given such instructions."

Similar extortion is not uncommon elsewhere in Africa.



Zimbabwe Prime Minister Robert Mugabe

In Tanzania, Asians seeking to relinquish businesses allegedly are often forced to pay large sums to officials — or to crooks posing as party officials. In Zaïre, expatriates wanting renewed residence permits are often visited by men claiming to be officers of President Mobutu Sese Seko's popular revolutionary movement, who demand "dash," as bribes are called.

In Ghana, Lebanese traders claim they can usually secure import permits only after first paying off local officials.

When Mugabe won re-independence elections 14 months ago, he vowed to make Zimbabwe a model state. His party's national political commissar, Meys Urumbo, was quoted as telling the Roman Catholic weekly *Notre* that thugs harassing civilians in the name of the party must stop it or "face the music."

That warning followed complaints that youths claiming to be party officials were staging kangaroo courts in domestic disputes and beating up people they find guilty. Police sources say some crimes have been committed by junior party officials.

"You get a low-level party man going into a hotel and cajoling people there to buy him food," said one police officer investigating some of the cases. "That's extortion because the people are frightened to say no."

Nkala claimed some of the crooks had inexcusably party stationery as evidence of authority to collect money from the public, from banks and from businessmen, the paper said.

"These bad characters," he was quoted as saying, are particularly active when heads of state visit the country. One ploy is to canvass people in the streets for money to pay for buses to carry well-wishers to the airport, the newspaper's account said.

Other crooks have bought cars or have their vehicles serviced, repaired and filled with gasoline on the party's account, it added.

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African refugees pledged \$560m

GENEVA, April 11 (AFP) — The conference on refugees in Africa has ended at the United Nations here after eliciting pledges of \$560 million for the continent's dispossessed, but falling into disagreements over who should administer the bulk of the funds.

Nearly 100 countries took part in the conference. Among the largest donors to the cause of Africa's estimated 5 million refugees and displaced persons were the United States (\$285 million), the Common Market (\$68 million), Japan (\$33 million), West Germany (\$34 million) and Saudi Arabia (\$30 million). But the conference, co-sponsored by the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees and the Organization of African Unity (OAU), ended in some confusion overnight after late problems arose over who the money was being given to.

Later Friday night, U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim said that \$66.9 million was for the U.N. refugee problem in Africa and for the International Red Cross and \$41.1 million was for bilateral assistance to various countries. But the bulk of the donations, \$452 million, remained to be allocated. It was this last sum that was at the center of the dispute between givers and receivers, diplomatic sources said.

At his news conference, the secretary-general eluded a question on the matter, and it was unclear how or whether the disagreement had been resolved. Diplomatic sources said part of the problem was the sudden reservations expressed by some Western countries about the U.N. High Commissioner's office.



ETHIOPIAN REFUGEE: A little Ethiopian child drinks water in the Jalalaki refugee camp in Somalia. (AP wirephoto)

Thatcher begins tour next week

LONDON, April 11 (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who visits India next week on her way to a five-nation Gulf tour, has said in a radio interview that she hoped to secure "closer bilateral relations" with the government of Indira Gandhi. Interviewed by the British Broadcasting Corp., Mrs. Thatcher said she hoped the two premiers would be able to sign "a number of contracts on trade" and generally gain a better understanding of each other.

"We have particular experience in offshore oil from which we hope India can profit because she needs to develop a number of offshore oil deposits," Mrs. Thatcher said. "India is very, very skilled in engineering and her engineering skills and some of our technology can get together. There's tremendous scope for cooperation."

Asked about Britain's controversial new nationality bill, the prime minister denied the legislation was racially discriminatory. "Every country is entitled to define nationality in relation to the people of that country. We are doing it not in connection with any racial doctrine but with the people who are here. We would deny that it is racial," she said.

Turning to the Soviet Union's occupation of Afghanistan, Mrs. Thatcher said the West must never "get used to it, so that we ignore it." "We must make it perfectly clear to the Soviet Union that things can never really be normal in relations between the Soviet Union and the rest of the world so long as the Soviet Union holds down an independent nation by force and denies her fundamental independence," she said.

Asked to justify Western presence in the Gulf and Indian Ocean — India has recently attacked superpower involvement on both sides in the area, Mrs. Thatcher replied: "We have to bear in mind that since the Soviet Union occupied Afghanistan, she's within some 300 miles or so of the Straits of Hormuz through which all the oil comes, not only for the Western world but for India and many other nations."

Chun inaugurates assembly

SEOUL, April 11 (AP) — President Chun Doo-Hwan told South Korea's new National Assembly Saturday to cast off an "ignominious past" and help create his much-heralded new era. Chun spoke at the inaugural session of the 276-member body, the first time a president had attended an assembly opening since 1973.

Chun congratulated the assembly members, who were elected March 25 with the government's Democratic Justice Party taking 151 seats. He said he also wished to express his gratitude to the Korean people "for having chosen untainted and competent representatives from all walks of life to form a new legislature in response to the mandate of history to forge a new era."

The official opening of the assembly, he said, completed preparations for progress under South Korea's fifth republic. "This ends an 18-month period of transition that began on Oct. 26, 1979," Chun said, "a period marked by chaos, aimlessness, self-reflection and the search for a new course. The time has come for us to conclude an ignominious past and dedicate ourselves to creation and construction."

The date to which Chun referred was that of the assassination of President Park Chung-Hee. Chun, a 50-year-old former army general, rose to power in the turmoil and struggle that followed Park's death.

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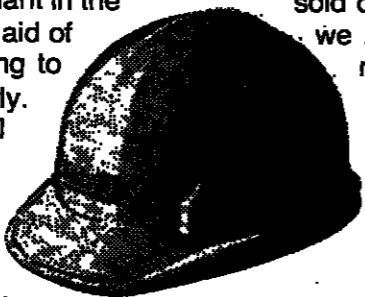
India editor kidnapped

NEW DELHI, April 11 (AP) — The editor of a Hindi language weekly magazine was kidnapped here Friday by a group of unidentified assailants, the United News of India (UNI) reported. It quoted the journalist's wife as saying that two men posing as policemen took V.M. Bhandari, editor of Prachand, out of his home and drove away in a vehicle bearing police markings.

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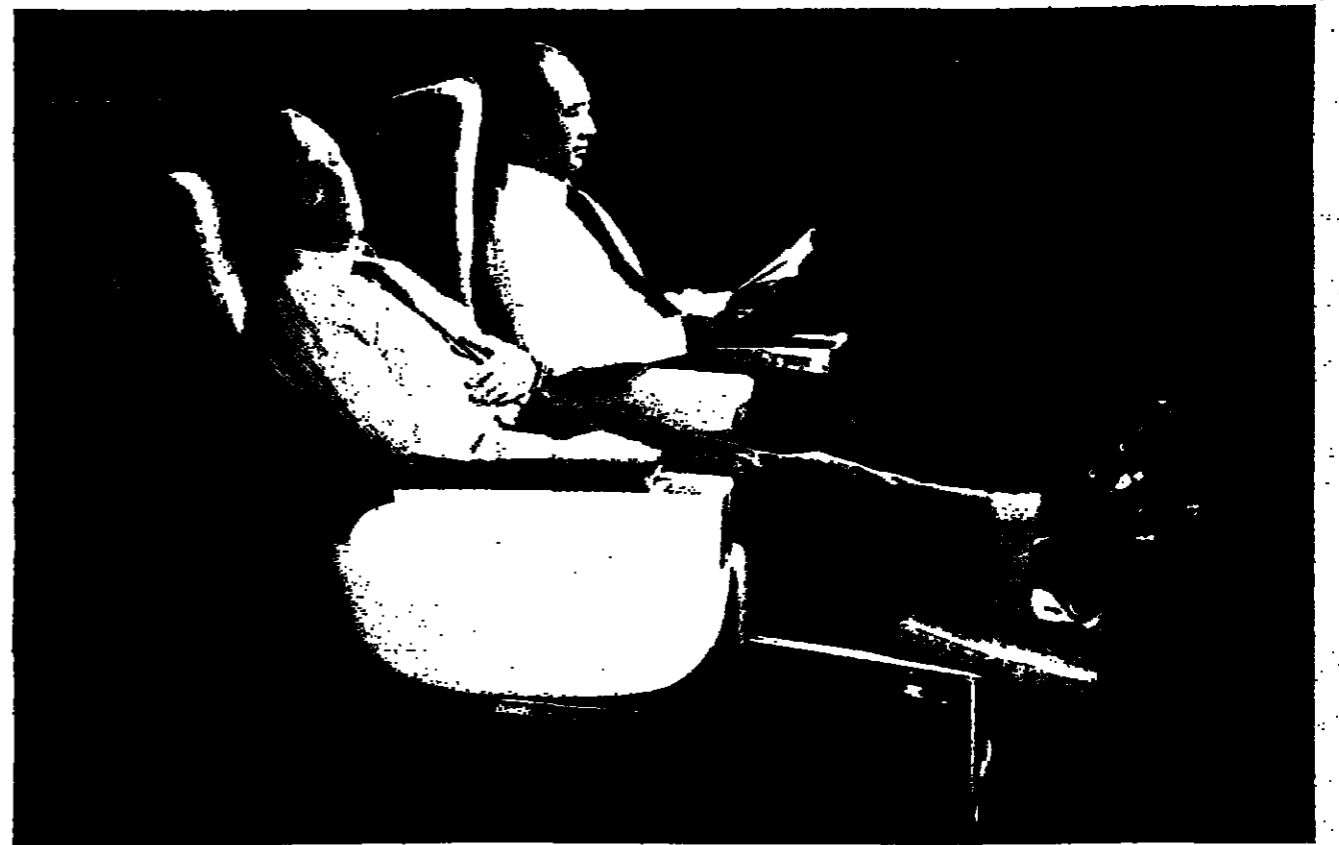
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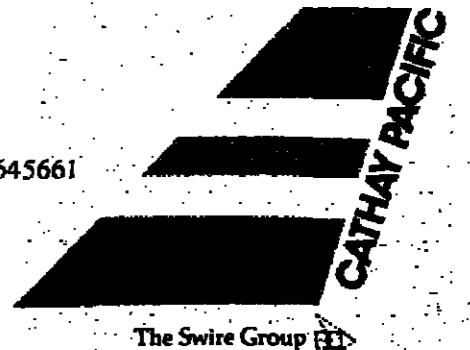
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sign convention

J.N. treaty bans inhumane weapons

UNITED NATIONS, April 11 (AP) — Twenty-five countries have signed here a new national treaty aimed at banning or limiting the use in war of conventional weapons likely to cause unnecessary harm to humans. The signing of the general treaty, called convention, was only a first step and possible later commitment to be defined by specific restrictions on particular weapons set out in related documents called protocols.

The protocol outlaws the use of any weapon that would injure by fragments undetectable by X-rays when embedded in the human body. Weapons made of wood, glass or plastic are like that and as a result are difficult for a doctor to extract from a wounded soldier.

The second protocol forbids both the deliberate use of land mines or boobytraps against civilians and their indiscriminate use in any area that may be expected to bring harm to civilians "excessive in relation to the concrete and direct military advantage anticipated."

The third protocol also contains an absolute ban on the planting of mines or boobytraps on the sick or dead people, animals or their possessions, children's toys and food and drink. The third and last protocol bans the use of riotary weapons against civilians.

On L. Dickie, a press officer for the United States' U.N. mission, said the United States did not sign because the new administration in Washington was reviewing its position on the treaty. Mikhail D. Sytenko, U.N. secretary-general for political and security council affairs, opened the convention signature in the Trusteeship Council chamber on behalf of Secretary-General Waldheim, who was in Geneva attending an international conference on aid to refugees in Africa.

Sytenko, a Soviet citizen, said the convention with its protocols constituted the first general "disarmament-related" agreement negotiated at a U.N. conference since 1967 Outer Space Treaty. He said its adoption showed the United Nations could be "an effective forum" for such negotiations.

The official name of the agreement is Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which May Be Deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects. The convention will be open for signature from next 12 months. It will take effect six months after 20 countries have ratified, accepted, approved or acceded to it through instruments deposited with the U.N. secretary-general. Each country depositing an instrument will be required at the time to consent to be bound by at least one of the three protocols, and may if it chooses sign all three.

Biggs to appeal extradition order

RIDGETOWN, Barbados, April 11 (AP) — Great train robber Ronald Biggs will appeal a magistrate's extradition order to return him to England where he still has 28 months to serve for the 1963 robbery, a defense lawyer has said.

Frederick Smith, one of three attorneys representing Biggs in the extradition proceedings, said Friday, "We are going to appeal and we will be appealing on points of law." He declined to elaborate or say when an appeal would be filed with the Supreme Court. Chief Magistrate Frank King moved Britain's extradition request Thursday and Biggs has 15 days to appeal.

consent later to be bound by the other one as well.

In a statement he issued on signing the agreement, West German Ambassador Alois Jelonek said that since several of the kinds of weapons covered by it were most commonly used in conventional warfare, its global application would "contribute considerably to improving the protection of the civilian population as well as to reducing unnecessary suffering by combatants in international conflicts."

In his statement for the occasion, Soviet Ambassador Oleg A. Troyanovsky called the treaty "a progressive instrument," saying, "its provisions apply not only to states, but also to national liberation movements." All eastern European Communist countries except Albania and Romania and all members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization except the United States and Turkey signed the convention.

Besides the Soviet Union and West Germany, Bulgaria, Greece, Italy, Portugal, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Denmark, Norway, Britain, Iceland, Sweden, Finland, Ireland, Spain, Austria, Canada, New Zealand, Mexico, Egypt, Sudan and Morocco, signed the convention.

China, India lead world in population

WASHINGTON, April 11 (AP) — China is the world's most populous nation with 952 million people followed by India 643 million, the World Bank has said. The populations of China and India far exceed that of the third ranking nation in population — the Soviet Union — with 261 million followed by the United States 218 million and Indonesia 135 million, the bank said.

Brazil is the sixth ranking nation in population with 119 million followed by Japan 114 million, Bangladesh 100 million, Nigeria 80 million and Pakistan 76 million.

The bank said that next in rank in population are Mexico with 65 million, West Germany 61 million, Italy 56 million, United Kingdom 55 million and France 53 million. These figures in the 15th edition of the *World Bank Atlas*, released Friday, represent the latest information on the world's population.

In Europe, Spain ranks fifth in population after West Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom and France with a population of 37 million followed by Poland with 34 million, Yugoslavia and Romania 21 million each, East Germany 16 million, Czechoslovakia 15 million, the Netherlands 13 million, Hungary 10 million, Belgium 9 million and Sweden 8 million, the World Bank said.

In Asia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Bangladesh and Pakistan lead in population, followed by the Philippines with 45 million, Thailand 44 million, and South Korea 36 million.

In South America, Brazil leads in population with 119 million followed by Mexico 65 million, Argentina 26 million, Colombia 25 million, Peru 16 million, Venezuela 13 million, Chile 10 million, and Cuba 9 million. Egypt leads the Middle East in population with 39 million people, while Iran is second with 35 million followed by Iraq 12 million, Saudi Arabia 8 million and the Syrian Arab Republic 8 million.

In Africa, Nigeria leads with a population of 80 million and Ethiopia is second with 30 million. South Africa is third with 27 million people followed by Zaire 26 million, Morocco 18 million, Algeria 17 million, Sudan 17 million, Tanzania 16 million, Kenya 14 million, Uganda 12 million and Ghana 10 million.

The World Bank gave the population figures for the Scandinavian countries as Sweden with 8,277,000 people, Denmark 5,106,000, Finland 4,754,000 and Norway 4,059,000. The population figures for other European countries include Austria 7 million, Switzerland 6 million, Ireland 3 million and Albania 2 million.

The World Bank's figures showed that in the 1970-78 period Kuwait had the highest average annual population growth rate with 6.2 per cent followed by the Ivory Coast 5.8 per cent, Libya ranked third with 4.2 per cent followed by Saudi Arabia 3.5 per cent, Liberia and Kenya 3.4 per cent each, Iraq and Venezuela 3.4 per cent each, Mexico 3 per cent.

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Green Berets arrive in Monrovia

MONROVIA, April 11 (AFP) — A 100-strong contingent of "Green Berets", the U.S. special forces, have flown into Monrovia in three air force jets for one month of joint maneuvers with the Liberian army. The elite soldiers were accompanied by Gen. Joseph Lutz, commander of the J.F. Kennedy Military Aid Center at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, who joined his men in a demonstration parachute drop at an army camp near here Saturday and will return home Sunday.

The three C-141 Starlifter aircraft also carried everything the soldiers will need during their exercises, except vehicles. An American spokesman here said Friday that the maneuvers would include "individual and squad level training activities in command and control, communications, medical treatment, weapons, marksmanship, tactics and patrolling," but he declined to divulge where they would take place.

The U.S. Embassy here described the joint exercises as "symbolic of the lasting friendship and close ties which have existed between Liberia and the United States for more than 160 years." The American destroyer the *U.S. Thorn* is also due to dock here Sunday for a four-day "friendship" visit, while a team of five U.S. military advisers arrived here Thursday night for a five-month training program which American officials said had been planned long ago.

The major California quake that never was

LOS ANGELES, April 11 (AP) — Southern Californians, inured to prophecies of doom, woke up Friday to find they had not fallen into the ocean and that a major overnight earthquake predicted by Wall Street analyst Joseph Granville had not materialized.

Most southern Californians remained blasé in the face of the most recent prediction by Granville, who in January sent the stock

market into a spin when he urged investors to sell their stocks. Granville had said an earthquake measuring more than 8 on the Richter Scale of ground movement would strike 37 kms east of downtown Los Angeles at 5:31 a.m. Friday.

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Bonn gets \$2b from OPEC states

BONN, April 11 (R) — West Germany borrowed \$2.4 billion from OPEC states in the first three months of this year to help finance its budget, Finance Ministry State Secretary Karl Haehser said.

Answering a parliamentary question, he said that \$840 million was borrowed from the United States and a similar amount from other countries.

West Germany is facing a decline in its economy, with rising unemployment and a huge balance of payments deficit for last year of \$13.4 billion, more than double that of 1978, caused partly by high oil import bills.

It has turned to a large extent to Saudi Arabia to answer its pressing borrowing needs. Chancellor Helmut Schmidt is expected to discuss Germany's financial requirements when he visits Saudi Arabia late this month.

Wednesday, West Germany and France announced they would jointly raise about \$6 billion in credit from the international capital market to stimulate job-creating investment in their countries.

'Difficult times ahead'

EEC, ACP states to boost ties

LUXEMBOURG, April 11 (R) — Ministers from the European Common Market and associated developing countries ended two days of talks here reaffirming their commitment to mutual cooperation but aware of difficult times ahead, delegates said.

The 60 African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) nations linked to the community through the \$7.5-billion Lome 2 trade and aid package include many of the world's poorest countries. At this first meeting with EEC governments since Lome 2 came into force on Jan. 1, they sought recognition of their acute economic plight, the delegates said.

The ACP states pressed their case for more aid and fairer trade to cope with the growing economic crisis in the third world.

Rising oil import costs and a steep fall in prices for the raw materials on which they depend for their export earnings had driven many to the brink of bankruptcy, ACP diplomats said. Lome 2, unique among agreements between rich and poor nations, was a start in the essential restructuring of economic relations between rich and poor countries, they said.

But the poor countries still wanted more aid and fairer trade, Ivory Coast Finance Minister Abdoulay Kone told the conference. He hit out at what he called "speculators and middlemen" who deprived poor nations of a fair price for their raw materials.

ACP delegates said his words were reinforced by a speech by EEC Development Commissioner Claude Cheysson who estimated that the fall in raw material prices last year had cost the ACP countries some \$1.2 billion. Rising oil prices had, meanwhile,

added about the same amount to their import costs.

Lack of progress in the "North-South dialogue" between rich and poor countries at the United Nations had focused attention on Lome as a practical bridge between the two sides, the delegate said. Both sides, however, acknowledged the limitations of an essentially regional pact.

The Jamaican deputy prime minister and chairman of the ACP group, Hugh Shearer, told journalists that Lome was only part of an essential international strategy to deal with poverty. Cheysson, urging progress at the United Nations, said the accord "cannot deal with the problems that must be dealt with at world level."

The two sides also managed to settle differences on some of the practical workings of the accord. An ACP application for more products to be added to the "staber" scheme for ironing out fluctuations in world commodity prices is to be studied by the commission.

The developing countries want tobacco, citrus fruit and sisal added to the list of products eligible for aid under the scheme. The EEC also agreed to joint studies on an ACP demand for preferential access to the community's food surpluses.

Kuwait lends \$260 million to Brazil

KUWAIT, April 11 (AP) — The Kuwait Foreign Trading, Contracting and Investment Company and the Arab Banking Corporation are lending a \$260 million loan in favor of the Banco Nacional do Desenvolvimento Economico of Brazil, a KFTCLC announcement said Saturday.

The loan is for eight years with a grace period of four years, the statement said. Interest will be paid at a margin over the London interbank offered rate for three or six months deposits in the U.S. dollars, it added.

The Arab Bank Limited, the Arab Latin American Bank, Gulf International Bank B.S.C., the National Bank of Kuwait, and UBAF Limited will participate in the loan, the announcement said.

KFTCLC will act as agent of the loan, the statement said. The loan agreement was signed by representatives of the Brazilian bank and the eight Arab financial institutions here Thursday, it added.

To cut dependence

U.S. speeds up oil search

WASHINGTON, April 11 (R) — The Reagan administration, hoping to reduce America's reliance on imported energy, has announced plans to speed the search for oil and gas in coastal waters.

The government said it also planned to lease a controversial section of the California coast to gas and oil companies for exploratory drilling and might open new areas there in the near future, a move certain to be fought by environmentalists and others.

Energy Secretary James Edwards told a news conference the administration believes enough domestic energy can be produced so "that we are not vulnerable to unreasonable price increases or political blackmail by major oil producing countries or their cartels."

Under the plan, the Interior Department, which oversees much of the public lands, will make more acreage available for leasing and accelerate the paperwork of the most promising areas of exploration. Edwards said the proposal would reduce the time needed for leasing by one-third.

The Reagan administration believes that the best course for the United States in the short run is to find additional domestic oil while undertaking the longer process of developing more coal, shale and nuclear

energy resources.

The United States has been importing about 30 per cent of its oil from overseas recently, a substantial drop from just a few years ago when imports accounted for half all consumption. Most of the reduction, however, has come from economic slowdown from reduced consumption because of high prices.

Prime rate hiked by 2 U.S. banks

NEW YORK, April 11 (R) — Two major banks have raised their prime lending rates 17.5 per cent from 17 per cent, reflecting recent rises in their costs of acquiring funds. Chase Manhattan and Manufacturers Hanover Trust, ranked third and fourth respectively by deposits, took back the half percentage point reductions they made April 1.

The rest of the nation's biggest banks will still quote prime rates of 17 per cent. The prime is the rate banks usually charge loans to corporate customers with top credit ratings, and it is the basis for setting rates on most other commercial loans.

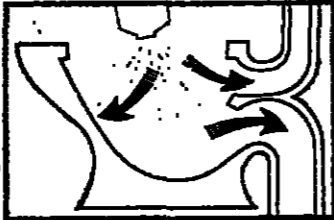
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Reagan vows to honor aid pledges

WASHINGTON, April 11 (AP) U.S. President Ronald Reagan relayed to Congress...

some allies have said, they will reduce their own commitments.

In another development, the congressional budget office reported United States will have to double its procurement of cruisers and destroyers over the next decade...

"Given the high procurement cost of modern warships, a sustained program to replace

and improve the current surface combatant force will be a very large and continuing budget item," the CBO said in a study for the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee.

"Although the projected decline in... force levels will not occur until the 1990s... the long lead time required to design and build modern warships means that replacement programs, must begin well before the required delivery times," the study noted.

Wall Street

AT and T stocks bounce; Dow Jones dips

NEW YORK, April 11 (AP) — The American Telephone and Telegraph (AT and T) is among those companies whose shares have never sold for more than \$66 or less than \$39 in the last 15 years...

dividend. Even then, if the stock moves as much as \$1 in any single trading session it's regarded as a rare event.

Yet, American Telephone was regularly leading the active list in the past week, and bouncing around as though the company had just found a way to use intercom for long-distance calls.

Soil erosion may hit food output

ROME, April 11 (AP) — Land degradation and loss of fertile topsoil pose "a major threat to world food production," according to the agriculture committee of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

A vigorous program of soil and water conservation is necessary if world agriculture is to maintain and increase its output, the FAO panel declared in a report following a recent meeting.

About 35 per cent of the soil in Africa north of the equator, 60 per cent of farmland in the near east, and 51 per cent of India's agricultural land are endangered by erosion.

The rest of the stock market did not fare quite so well. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials slipped to 1,000.27, ending a run of four straight weekly gains.

There was, of course, no suggestion of any kind that AT and T was getting involved in the gene-splicing game. But there was an extraordinary series of developments to create some unaccustomed excitement for the company's three million owners — by far the largest number for any company here.

Monday, the U.S. government authorized the first major increase in company's profit margin on interstate calls in five years — from 10.5 per cent to a range of 12.5 per cent to 13 per cent.

No replied the department's new antitrust chief, William Baxter, who said he thought the agency had good case and would "litigate it to the eyeballs."

One AT and T official called it "the most exciting development in new service" he has seen in a quarter century with the company.

Foreign Exchange Rates

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Financial Roundup Dollar hits record; riyal firm

JEDDAH, April 11 — The dollar broke new records against the European currencies in Friday trading. The primary reasons were the new uncertainty over Polish leaders' statements concerning banning strikes for a period of two months and the continued rises in dollar interest rates.

The local markets Saturday saw riyal deposit rates continue to firm in quiet trading, but with some lively inter-bank dealings on the foreign exchange side.

The main factor undoubtedly, continuing to help the dollar's recovery in Europe, has been the turnaround in dollar interest rate levels. With the Federal Reserve funds rate now standing at 15 1/2 per cent levels, Chase Manhattan and Manufacturers Hanover raised their prime lending rate to 17.50 per cent, reversing the previous trend for lower prime rate.

up their deposit rates on hearing the news that the U.S. money supply figures were showing an increase of \$3.2 billion.

The jump in U.S. rates affected the local rates. Whilst dealers described local dealing as "thin" yet riyal rates firmed due to some activity generated by the Bahrain offshore banks.

The one-month Babor — Bahrain interbank rate — was quoted at 14 1/2 per cent and the three months at 14 1/2 per cent. Trading was again concentrated in the short periods and the one-week rate had takers at 15 per cent.

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England off to fine start

Gooch hammers West Indies attack

KINGSTON, Jamaica, April 11 (AP) — A brilliant, aggressive 153 by opener Graham Gooch gave England the base for a first day total of 278 for six wickets in the fifth and final cricket Test match against the West Indies here Friday.

Gooch, who has been England's most dominant batsman throughout the series marked by English batting failures, launched a furious counter-offensive against the West Indies fast bowlers, thrilling a crowd of over 10,000.

He hit two sixes and 21 fours in a scintillating exhibition. When he was fifth out, brilliantly caught by wicketkeeper David Murray off fast bowler Michael Holding, he had scored more than 60 per cent of England's runs.

It was Gooch's second century of the series, following his 116 in the second innings of the Test and his third in his Test career. All have been made against the West Indies.

The West Indies quarter of fast bowlers, which has steadily reduced England to collapse throughout the series, had no answer to Gooch's robust attack on an easy paced pitch.

He and Colin Croft, the most effective West Indian bowler in the series, fought an exciting duel which Gooch eventually won.

Croft forced him into hurried defense several times in his early overs and should have had him caught when he was 21, an edged shot going between wicketkeeper and first slip.

After that, Gooch drove, cut and pulled him with assurance and hit one six and 12 fours off his bowling. Gooch and the solid Geoff Boycott provided England with the foundation for a substantial total with an opening stand of 93 after West Indies captain Clive Lloyd, who won the toss, decided to bowl first.

They batted through the first session to lunch but Boycott went for 40 in the second over after resumption, caught by wicketkeeper David Murray off Garner.

Left-Hander David Gower saw Gooch pass his century by driving Holding straight for his 14th four, but he fell to the last ball before tea for 22, Croft hitting his leg-stump as he came inside his wicket to play on the on-side.



SCANNING: England's Graham Gooch scans the outfield during his sparkling knock of 153.

Nicklaus spurts to four-stroke lead

AUGUSTA, Georgia, April 11 (AP) — Jack Nicklaus, holding the greatest record in golf's history, played four consecutive holes in 10 strokes, compiled a spectacular 65 and swept into a four-stroke lead Friday in the second round of the 45th Masters.

Nicklaus, who came within one shot of the tournament's single-round scoring record he shares with five others, had a 36-hole total of 135, nine strokes under par for two trips over the 6,905 yards of Rolling Hills that make up the Augusta National Golf Club Course.

It was a vintage Nicklaus performance. At one time or another, seven different players led or shared the lead before he exerted his authority. And when he did, when he got it going, he simply left the rest of the world's finest players struggling in his wake.

Len Hinkle, part of a starry group tied for second at 139, gave voice to the question that must have been puzzling many other players. "I was third in the (U.S.) Open and third in the PGA last year (both won by Nicklaus) and I wouldn't really mind being third here," Hinkle said. He paused and, with a completely blank expression, asked: "How old is he, anyhow?"

He's No. 1 and the holder of a record 17 major professional championships shows no signs of slowing down, at least in the majors. He's won two of the last three and is now in control in his quest of a sixth green jacket that goes to the winner of this famed event.

Tom Watson, the game's top performer

over the past four seasons, Hinkle, Australian Greg Norman and cross-handed putter Bruce Lietzke shared second place with two rounds to go, four big shots behind the toughest competitor golf has seen.

Watson had a 68 in the hot, humid weather, despite making a bogey on the 17th hole, where he snap-hooked his tee shot onto the seventh green.

Connors to meet McEnroe

TOKYO, April 11 (AP) — Defending champion Jimmy Connors moved into the final of Sunday's \$250,000 Suntory Cup Tennis Tournament with a 6-3, 0-6, 6-4, victory Saturday over fellow American Gene Mayer, the fourth-ranked world player.

Connors, ranked No. 3, will meet John McEnroe, another American, who defeated Czechoslovakia's Even Lendl 6-1, 7-5 in the other semi-final match earlier in the day before 11,800 spectators at the Tokyo Olympic Indoor Gymnasium.

It will be the second time Connors, 28, and McEnroe, 22-year old world No. 2 player, will be meeting in the Suntory Cup final. Last year, Connors beat McEnroe.

In the first set, left-handed Connors jumped to a 4-1 lead after breaking Mayer's service in fourth game and held the service in fifth game. Then, the set ended 6-3 with the both sides keeping the services.

McEnroe was shut out 6-0 in the second by

"It isn't easy to make up four strokes on Nicklaus or another great player," he said. "The man who is leading by one or two strokes can afford one more mistake than everybody else. The man leading by four strokes can afford two mistakes."

The long-hitting Hinkle and Norman have shot 70, and Lietzke, a two-time winner already this season, had 67, second-best round of the tournament.

Mayer's steady services and return shot.

In the third set, Connors broke Mayer's service in the third, seventh and ninth games and won the set and the match when Mayer shot out the last ball.

"Mayers played so well in the second set that he did not give me a chance," Connors said. "I hope it won't happen again. I lost my game concentration and momentum."

"I played good games in the opening set," said Connors, who substituted for Sweden's Bjorn Borg in the tournament. Borg, ranked No. 1 in the world, did not come to Tokyo because of an injured right shoulder.

"I played very good games in the first set," Connors said. "My serves were good. In the last set I played a couple of good games."

Asked about his match against Lendl, McEnroe said, "I served very well, especially my first serve. I think I could have played better if the surface was little slower."

Thorburn crushes Miles to make last eight

SHEFFIELD, England April 11 (R) — Defending champion Cliff Thorburn crushed Britain's Graham Miles 13-2 to move into the quarter-finals of the World Professional Snooker Championship Friday.

The Canadian, who had taken seven of the first eight frames Friday, was in commanding form again Saturday, winning five consecutive frames after miles had won the 10th.

Britain's Steve Davis, the 23 year-old tournament favorite, though he is seeded

only 13th, held a 6-2 overnight lead over Northern Irishman Alex Higgins, last year's beaten finalist and winner of the Masters event two months ago.

Second round: Cliff Thorburn beat Graham Miles 13-2. Second session frame scores (Thorburn first): 62-61, 44-83, 85-33, 88-21, 61-43, 70-35, 65-46. Steve Davis leads Alex Higgins 6-2. First session scores (Davis first): 86-24, 74-28, 45-61, 81-17, 91-29, 70-61, 22-71, 60-30.

Bill Werbeniuk (Canada) beat Dave Taylor (Britain) 10-3. Second session scores (Werbeniuk first): 71-38, 15-79, 65-44, 56-43.

John Spencer (Britain) beat Ray Edmonds (Britain) 10-9. Evening session frame scores (Spencer first): 93-36, 66-36, 100-37, 165-99, 71-7, 73-42, 25-84, 68-73, 79-26.

David Taylor (Manchester) beat F. L. Stourport) 13-3. Second session scores (Taylor first): 59-60, 17-114, 70-12, 68-75-57, 83-4, 84-11, 82-7.

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NBA playoffs

Kings maintain winning run

NEW YORK, April 11 (AP) — The Kansas City Kings and Houston Rockets, controlling the tempo against more explosive opponents, continue their surprising success in the second round of the National Basketball Association playoffs.

The Kings, forced into a slow-down game because of injuries to starting guards Phil Ford and Otis Birdsong, edged the Phoenix Suns 93-92 Friday night on Scott Wedman's foot jumper with five seconds left. The rockets, who were only 40-42 in the first round of the playoffs, got 41 points and 15 rebounds from center Moses Malone and beat the San Antonio Spurs 112-99.

An Antonio tried rugged Mark Olberding, a defensive specialist Paul Griffin against 6-foot-10 Malone, but neither could control the NBA's No. 1 rebounder and No. 2 scorer.

The Kings and Spurs now hold 2-1 leads in best-of-seven Western Conference semifinals against the Suns and Spurs, champions of the Pacific and Midwest Divisions, respectively. While both home teams won in the West, visiting teams in the East semifinals won last night. The Boston Celtics beat the Chicago Bulls 113-107 to take a commanding 3-0 lead in that series while the Philadelphia 76ers trimmed the Milwaukee Bucks 103-101 to lead their series 2-1.

All four series resume Sunday. Reggie King, who led Kansas City with 29 points, including 22 in the second half, was poised to take the last shot for the Kings.

But Phoenix kept the ball away from him and instead it was Wedman, the veteran small forward who has been pressed into guard duty, who put in the winning basket.

The Rockets nailed down the victory with excellent defense in the fourth quarter when they limited the Spurs to 5-for-22 shooting and outscored San Antonio 26-15.

The Rockets constantly worked the ball to Malone in the pivot. His driving layup with 1:36 left put the Rockets ahead 106-99 and clinched the victory.

Fisk leads White Sox to impressive victory

NEW YORK, April 11 (AP) — Carlton Fisk paid the first dividend on his long-term contract with Chicago and silenced the booing of his former Fenway Park faithful in Boston Friday as he boomed a three-run homer in the eighth inning to vault the White Sox to a 5-3 victory over the Red Sox.

In two other American League afternoon games, Oakland used the old-hidden-ball trick to turn back Minnesota 5-3 and Baltimore beat Kansas City, also 5-3.

Fisk's blast off reliever Bob Stanley came after started Dennis Eckersley had walked Bob Molinaro and given up a single to Ron LeFlore. The shot into the screen in left-center field gave Chicago a 3-2 lead, offset-

ting solo homers by Dwight Evans in the fifth inning and Gary Allenson, Fisk's successor as catcher, in the seventh.

Tony Armas' second homer of the season and two RBI by Dwayne Murphy backed Rick Langford's five-hitter — one hit over the final eight innings — but it was the hidden-ball trick which was pivotal in Oakland's victory.

Solo homers by Ken Singleton and Rick Dempsey and four innings of two-hit relief by Sammy Stewart carried Baltimore past the Royals, the defending AL Champs, Clint Hurdle and John Wathan hit solo homers for Kansas City.

Seattle's Jerry Don Gleaton pitched four-hit scoreless ball for 62-3 innings to pick up his first Major League victory and Rickie Zisk homered as the Mariners trounced the California Angels 10-2.

In National League action, Chris Chambliss drilled a two-run double and Dale Murphy followed with a two-run homer to cap a four-run eighth-inning rally that powered Atlanta to a 5-3 victory over the Cincinnati Reds, snapping the Braves' nine-game losing streak in season openers.

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TUSSELE: Frank Stapleton of Arsenal and Paul Hart of Leeds United make a dash for the ball in the English Division One Football match Saturday. The match ended goalless.

Manchester City stumbles into final

LONDON, April 11 (R) — Manchester City earned a place in the 100th Football Association (F.A.) Cup final at Wembley on May 9 when they beat favorites Ipswich 1-0 after extra-time at Villa Park, Birmingham, Saturday.

But the identity of their opponents remained unknown after Tottenham and Wolverhampton drew 2-2 at Hillsborough, Sheffield, in a dramatic semifinal in which an extra 30 minutes was also played.

Ipswich must now despair of landing any prize this season after being hotly fancied to pick up a glorious treble in the F.A. and European Football Union (UEFA) Cups and the English League Championship.

But a recent form slump has seen slip three points behind Aston Villa in the League

and they could only manage a 1-0 win over West German visitors Cologne in their UEFA semifinal first-leg tie in midweek.

Manchester City's winner came in the 100th minute when Terry Butcher was adjudged to have fouled Dam Bennett by referee Pat Partridge.

Butcher protested furiously and from the free-kick, Haul Power sent a curling shot high into the net past the despairing arms of Ipswich goalkeeper Paul Cooper.

Nor will referee Clive Thomas be too popular in the Tottenham camp after his last-minute decision awarding Wolverhampton a penalty for Glenn Hoddle's halfhearted tackle on Kenny Hibbitt.

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Manchester City	1	Ipswich Town	0
Tottenham	2	Wolverhampton	2
Division One			
Arsenal	0	Leeds United	0
Coventry City	0	Manchester United	2
Crystal Palace	3	Birmingham City	2
Everton	0	Norwich City	2
Middlesbrough	1	Brighton	0
Nottingham Forest	0	Liverpool	0
Stoke City	2	Sunderland	0
Division Two			
Blackburn Rovers	1	Bristol City	0
Bolton	2	Walsley	1
Bradford City	1	Sheff. Wed.	1
Cardiff City	1	Preston	3
Derby County	2	Notts County	2
Grimsby Town	1	West Ham	5
Leeds Town	3	Queens Park R.	0
Newcastle United	2	Cambridge United	0
Oldham Athletic	0	Chelsea	1
Oxford	1	Swansea City	1
Wrexham	1	Sheff. Wed.	1
Scottish F. A. Cup			
Celtic	0	Dundee United	0
Rangers	2	Dundee	1
Premier Division			
Aberdeen	1	Hearts	0
St. Mirren	1	Park	2
Division One			
Clydebank	2	Berwick Rangers	0
Dunfermline	1	Dumfries	1
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Dallah Avco retains Saudia Milk crown

JEDDAH, April 11 — Dallah Avco retained their title Monday night when a competent display gave them a 5-2 victory over Whittaker and left them two points clear at the top of the Saudia Milk League First Division.

The win had a second consequence, pushing Whittaker down to second from bottom place and marking them for second Division soccer next season. Saudia sealed their fate on Tuesday night, failing to take advantage of a superior possession and eventually falling to a second half FOJP goal which made Saudia the other relegated team. FOJP can breathe a sigh of relief, missing relegation because of their final victory over Saudia.

NJIA (1) had to settle for second place in the second Division, behind Toyota, and

their 2-2 draw Wednesday night, with Dynasty, leaves them three points adrift with the possibility of a final match with Zahid. Toyota, along with A.B.J.P., are the only teams unbeaten in the league, both averaging four goals a match in their league program.

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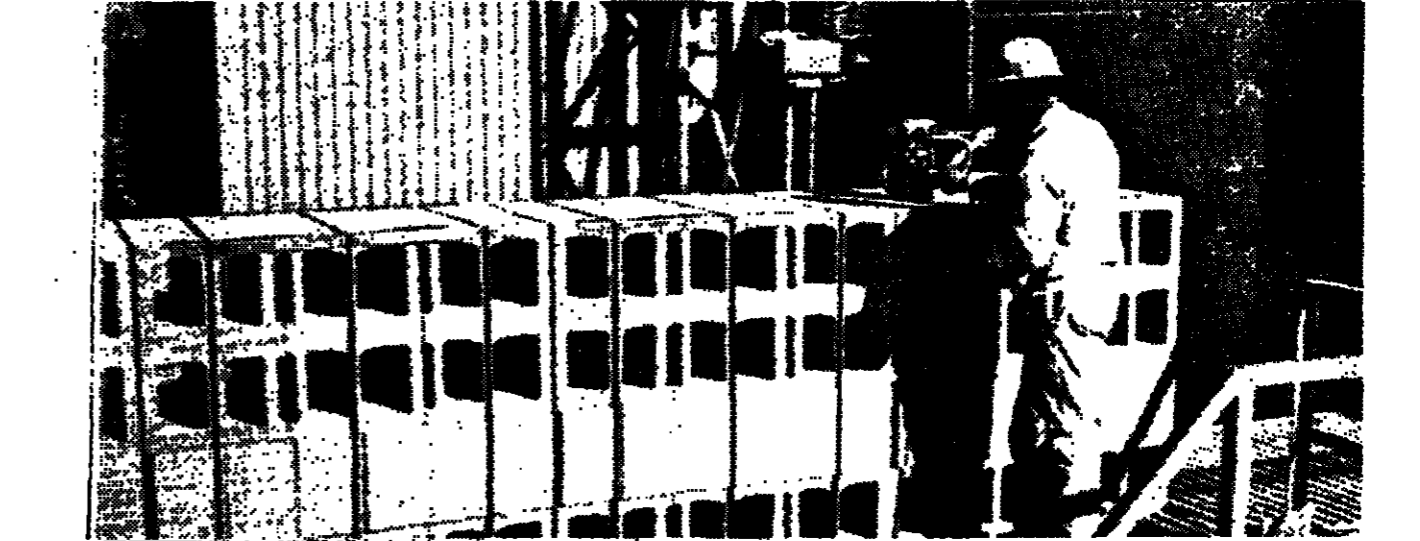
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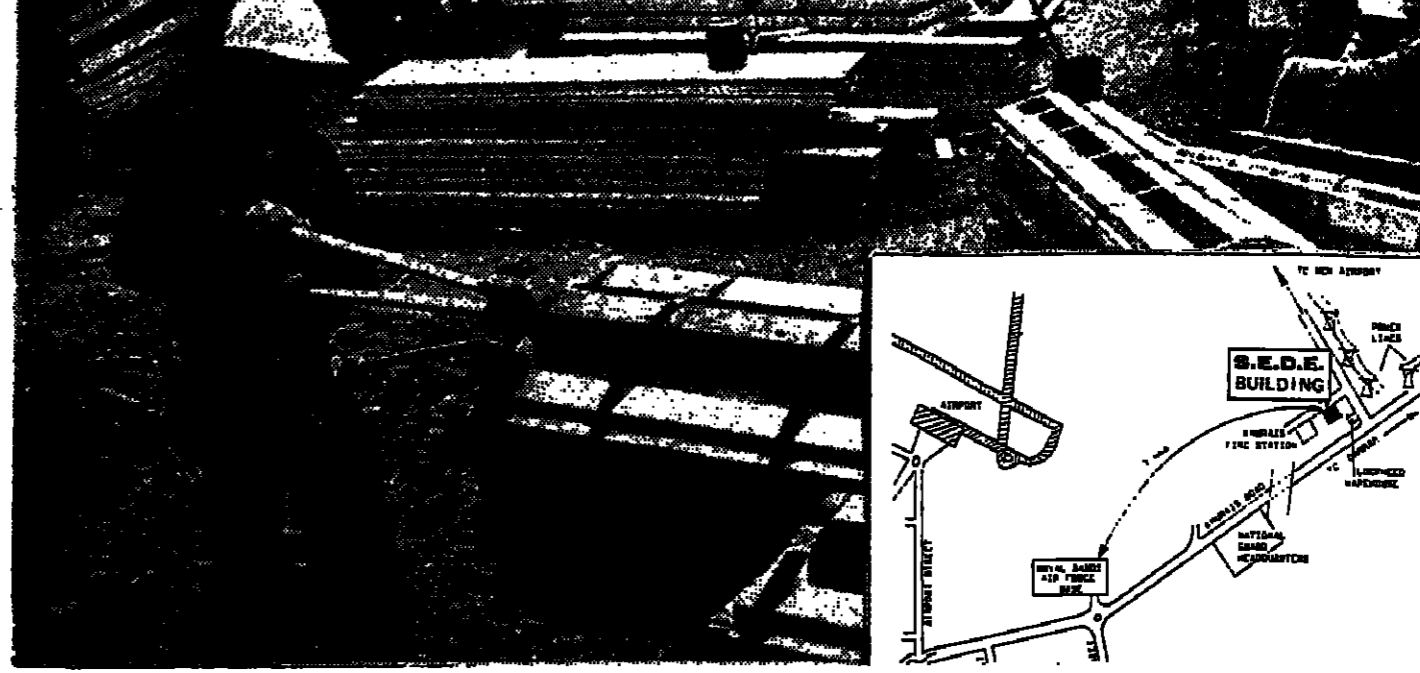
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Survivors ignored

Sub affair may hit Japan-U.S. links

TOKYO, April 11 (R) — A political storm has developed here over the way the United States handed a collision between one of its nuclear missile submarines and a Japanese freighter. The accident Thursday which sunk the freighter leaving two crewmen missing could damage relations between the two allies just before a Washington summit next month.

Lines between Washington and Tokyo are already strained due to pressure on Japan to cut car exports and boost defense spending, neither of which the Japanese want to do.

The main issue is why the United States took some 35 hours to announce it was an American submarine which struck the Japanese freighter as it passed through the East China Sea, off western Japan.

Thirteen survivors from the freighter, the 2,350-ton *Nissho Maru*, floated on two life rafts for about 18 hours until they were picked up by two passing Japanese destroyers. The U.S. Navy said in a statement the submarine and an accompanying warplane searched for a ship or people in distress after the collision but found none in the fog and rain.

But the survivors said an aircraft circled

their rafts and they came under the observation of a submarine or submarines. "We waved our hands to an unidentified airplane flying toward us after the accident. The submarine put its periscope out of the water, but they all ignored us," Taburo Kumagaya, radio operator of the *Nissho Maru* said.

"They should have at least told Japanese officials what happened," he added. Other survivors said the circling aircraft had American markings and two submerged submarines circled the rafts.

Opposition politicians, newspapers, the Japanese Coast Guard and the ship's owner criticized the U.S. Navy and government for the way they handled the incident. Newspapers described the nuclear-powered submarine, the *George Washington*, capable of carrying 16 Polaris missiles, each armed with warheads as a "hit-and-run" submarine.

Akira Kuroyanagi, director of the International Affairs Bureau of the opposition Komeito (clean government) Party said he would raise the question in Parliament and protest strongly to the U.S. Embassy.

"The issue poses grave problems over why the Polaris submarine surfaced and how future joint maneuvers between forces of the two countries should be conducted," he told reporters.

Yoshinori Yasui of Japan's main opposition Socialist Party said it was inhumane for the submarine not to rescue survivors. Takashi Noro, an officer in the rescue department of the Japanese Maritime Safety Agency said it was common practice for seamen to give priority to the rescue of anyone in trouble. "It is the same with a military ship," he said.

Haru Kutsuna, 57-year-old president of the Family Shipping Company said he wanted full compensation for the families of the two men missing. "The U.S. Navy, which did not make even a report on the accident, is too irresponsible," he told reporters. The U.S. Navy statement said the nuclear reactor and weapons aboard the submarine were not damaged and no crew were hurt.

Paris museums closed

PARIS, April 11 (AP) — A weekend strike by uniformed guards shut down some of the most famous museums and monuments in Paris Saturday at a time when holiday tourists are flooding the city, many hoping for a glimpse at the Mona Lisa.

The strike by guards belonging to the Communist-led General Confederation of Work Union (CGT) was called Friday night. It forced the closing of the Louvre, the Palace of Versailles, the Arch of Triumph, Notre Dame and other well-known tourist attractions. The union is demanding higher pay and a guaranteed promotion schedule. Union leaders said some progress was made in talks Friday with the Ministry of Culture, and the strike was scheduled to end Sunday.

In Indian Ocean

Tanker leaves oil slick

JOHANNESBURG, April 11 (AP) — A Liberian-registered supertanker with a damaged bow was steaming for port Elizabeth Saturday, trailing a 48-kilometer oil slick in the Indian Ocean, the tanker's South African agent reported.

Wilkie Rutherford, agent for the 205,808-ton *Energy Endurance*, told the Associated Press by telephone from his home in the Indian Ocean port city of Durban: "There's a big slick. But the ship's well out to sea, and there's no danger of polluting the coast." The Indian Ocean coast south of Durban, off which the supertanker was reported to be, is one of South Africa's most popular holiday areas.

Rutherford estimated the length of the slick, trailing from a bunker tank, at about 482 kms. The South African Press Association (SAPA), however, cited reports from maritime sources as saying the slick was about 96 kms long and that it stretched between the coastal resorts of Port St. John's on the south to port Shepstone on the north.

The *Energy Endurance*, owned by C.Y. Tung's Golden Peak Maritime of Hong Kong, had taken on more than 200,000 tons of Saudi Arabian crude oil in the Gulf and was bound for Europe around the southern end of Africa when it was damaged by a freak wave off east

London Thursday night, SAPA said. The news agency quoted Capt. Arthur Bluett of the South African shipping company Safmarine as saying in Cape Town that he understood some of the bow plating on the *Energy Endurance* had been sprung and peeled back by the wave.

The supertanker originally headed for Durban, South Africa's major Indian Ocean port, after the accident, press reports said. But it was leaking oil so fast that the South African government and the Chinese owners radioed instructions shortly after midnight for the master to head for Port Elizabeth, said a dispatch from that city on the front page of Saturday's *Johannesburg Star*.

Bluett was quoted by SAPA as saying Safmarine also advised the *Energy Endurance* to make for Port Elizabeth's Algoa Bay and that the tug *Volraad Woltemade* was dispatched to assist if needed. "It's the only logical place to go, especially if some westerly weather gets up as seems likely," Bluett said of Algoa Bay at the southeastern end of the African continent.

Agent Rutherford said he did not know the current exact position of the supertanker. But he said it was expected to arrive off Port Elizabeth Monday morning to have its leak repaired.

Vice president says

Tanzanians to leave Uganda

KAMPALA, April 11 (AFP) — Vice President Paulo Muwanga Saturday said that the Tanzanians troops stationed in Uganda will leave in June and that no other foreign troops will replace them. Some 10,000 soldiers from Tanzania have remained in Uganda since they helped overthrow the regime of Idi Amin in 1979. Muwanga, who is also defense minister, was speaking at a second anniversary celebration of the fall of Kampala to Ugandan and Tanzanian forces.

"We are not going to import more foreign troops," Muwanga said. Admitting that the government was aware of resistance movements against President Milton Obote, he said, "we may go but a second set and third set from the Uganda People's Congress

(UPC) will carry on after us." The UPC is led by Obote, who was returned to power in general elections in December won by the UPC. Obote had been overthrown by the then army chief Amin in 1971.

Muwanga said that neighboring countries had promised not to give sanctuary to Ugandan resistance movements. President Obote, who did not attend the celebration, was said by an aide to be indisposed. The vice president said the government would not collapse, nor would diplomats leave the country because of threatening letters from resistance groups to diplomatic missions in Kampala.

The United Nations and several embassies have received threatening letters and a grenade exploded Friday near the Indian High Commission, and the U.S. Embassy has evacuated the wives and children of its staff. Muwanga said he would show no mercy to troops who misbehave or harass civilians Saturday's celebration included a military parade at which about 1,000 civilians were present.

Muwanga denied foreign press reports that 200 government troops were killed in an ambush last week. He added that while the government expected correspondents to be responsible, he would never censor foreign press despatches from Kampala. On the economic front, he admitted that Uganda's problems had multiplied recently and called for more honesty and dedication to work.

'German amity depends on NATO'

BERLIN, April 11 (AFP) — East German leader Erich Honecker Saturday declared that the future of inter-German relations would hinge on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization decision on installing new medium-range missiles in Europe and on other NATO rearmament moves. "Those who accelerate the armament of NATO" are creating "realities that act against the pursuit of the normalization of the two Germanys" he told the tenth East German Communist Party congress, attended by delegations from 109 countries.

He also confirmed that relations between the two Germanys are stagnating. "We do not dream of the possibility of enjoying good relations with the Federal Republic of Germany if relations between the United States and the Soviet Union are hardening because of an unpredictable American policy oriented toward confrontation," he said.

Honecker reaffirmed the recent, tougher line on bilateral relations, especially in his call for West German recognition of East German citizenship and for raising diplomatic ties to the ambassador level. The situation worsened last year when East Germany raised the mandatory amount of currency that visitors, largely West Germans, must exchange into East German marks as they enter the country. This was seen as a means of limiting travel into the Communist country and reducing contact with the West after the outbreak of troubles in Poland.

Salvador killings blamed on fights

WASHINGTON, April 11 (AP) — Salvadoran officials have told the U.S. State Department that 23 persons killed earlier this week in a San Salvador suburb died as a result of an hour-long firefight between liberation forces and government police, a department official has said.

The official, who asked not to be identified, said Friday the Salvadoran Treasury Police flatly denied reports from eyewitnesses that the National Guard and police agents murdered 30 unarmed civilians either in their homes or after having dragged them into the street.

The State Department official said the treasury police told a U.S. envoy Thursday that the gunbattle erupted when police arrived in Soyocango, a poor suburb of San Salvador, in the early morning hours to break up a suspected meeting of freedom fighters.

According to the Treasury Police version, the fighters opened fire from two houses, wounding three policemen and pinning down the 21-man government force. After an hour of fighting, about 60 fighters fled, leaving behind 23 dead in the houses, 12 weapons and 10,000 rounds of ammunition, the Salvadoran authorities claimed. At least one of the dead was identified as a fighter, the State Department official said.

Haig ends Bonn visit

BONN, April 11 (Agencies) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig Saturday left for home after a week-long tour of the Middle East and Europe, his first overseas trip as Washington's chief diplomat. Haig flew to Washington after a three-hour stopover in Bonn, the last leg of his trip where he met with West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher.

Prior to coming to Bonn, the secretary of state stopped for several hours in Paris, where he met with President Valery Giscard d'Estaing and other French leaders. Haig told reporters before departing for Washington that discussions with Schmidt and other top West German officials on strengthening the U.S. nuclear forces in Europe also involved discussions with the Soviet Union on limiting those forces.

The planned NATO deployment of 572 new medium-range nuclear missiles in western Europe is a controversial topic here. Critics of the United States claim the deployment, scheduled to begin in 1983, would make West Germany a prime target for a Soviet strike.

Haig said he and German leaders talked about "the parallel aspect of the second track, which involves the ... discussion on arms control in Geneva or whatever appropriate location is decided on." But he said no timetable for negotiations had been decided.

42 die in bus mishap

SUKKUR, Pakistan April 11 (AP) — A bus driver and conductor were arrested on negligence charges Saturday, the day after their vehicle plunged into an irrigation canal killing at least 42 persons near Larkana, about 100 kms southwest of here, officials said. Six passengers were missing and presumed dead, said the officials, who confirmed that 42 bodies had been found so far. Of the 40 known survivors, three received injuries but "were out of danger," they added.

Good Morning

By Ihsad Al Khatem
I was returning to London from a trip to the homeland. Right next to me in the plane sat an Arab lady. Beauty was there and in more than ample measure. Together with a sense of dress which would honor the greatest of dress designers. The shoes and luggage were of beautiful crocodile — all discreetly matching of course. Ah, I sighed to myself. How well civilized have we all become. Where will it end.

The plane then hit an air pocket and we were shaken about a bit. One of her cases fell and broke open. And there, instead of the latest in makeup I expected, emerged a veritable deluge of yogurt and nothing but yogurt. The plastic containers which contained it had all broken open.

The airstaff of course rushed to help the lady in distress, mops at the ready. The whole place was cleaned up in no time. But the damage was done, mostly to the lady's composure. She went beetroot red then turned to me to explain (they'd just finished wiping the delicious stuff from my head). "Goat yogurt," she said, as if that explained all. "You can't get it out West you know. And I can't travel without it."

I accepted the explanation without reserve. My yogurt shampoo was a small price to pay for the discovery I'd just made. Which is that all is not lost. As long as she, Gucci shoes, Parisian dresses and all, still try to smuggle goat yogurt from one corner of the world to another. Something has survived all the westernization. And may it long do so.

Translated from Ashraf Al Awad

St. Helens erupts again

PORTLAND, Oregon, April 11 (R) — Mount St. Helens, the volcano that erupted last year killing at least 19 persons and blasting parts of the United States in Ash, burst into activity again. Scientists of the U.S. Geological Survey said the eruption was but could be followed by a stronger one later. A plume of steam and ash rising 4,300 meters above sea level signaled Friday's eruption.

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